

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **New York**

KC FILE NO. 100-8956

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-8-51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-8; 3-1-51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANCIS M. FAWCETT</b>
TITLE <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject organization unknown in KC area.  
 Newspaper "Novi List" not known to be circulated  
 in Yugoslav Section of KCK.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

Father A. STIMAC, pastor of St. John, The Baptist Roman Catholic Church, 702 North Fourth Street, a Croatian church, was recontacted by Special Agent C. LAWRENCE RICE. Father STIMAC stated that since last contacted he had made appropriate inquiries in the Yugoslav section of Kansas City, Kansas, but had developed no information that the organization "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was active in that area.

T-4 of known reliability was recontacted by Special Agent RICE and he also advised that he had no information that the organization "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was active in the Kansas City area and that he had no information that the newspaper "Novi List" is being distributed.

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T-4 is [REDACTED], Kansas City, Kansas, Post Office, who canvassed the mail carriers covering the Yugoslav area of Kansas City, Kansas, for information regarding the circulation of the newspaper "Novi List"

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent FRANCIS M. FAWCETT dated 1-5-51 at Kansas City.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/16/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/8,13,14,16,17/50; 3/8,10,15/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT M. SMITH</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>LKE</b></div>
TITLE <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Confidential sources of information, Detroit, have no information regarding the character and origin of the Yugoslav films "The Youth's Rule" and "Journal Number 192" shown February 12, 1950, in Detroit, or of any activity of subject organization in the Detroit area. Background information on IVAN BLASKO and MICHAEL VREVIC, President and Secretary, respectively, of subject organization in Detroit, according to Informant Detroit T-10, set out.

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**DETAILS:**

At Detroit, Michigan

Informant Detroit T-6, Informant Detroit T-7, and Informant Detroit T-8, all of known reliability, advised they have no information regarding the activity of the subject organization in the Detroit area and felt that the organization is inactive. The same informants state they do not know the character or origin of the films, "The Youth's Rule" and "Journal Number 192" which were shown February 12, 1950, in Detroit. The informants were aware of no films that were shown under the auspices of subject organization.

Informant Detroit T-10, a reliable source, advised that IVAN BLASKO, 8124 Meadow, Van Dyke, Michigan, and MICHAEL VREVIC, 149 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan, were President and Secretary, respectively, of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in Detroit, Michigan.

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The files of the Michigan Credit Association reflect that one IVAN BLASKO resides at 8124 Meadow in Van Dyke, Michigan (suburb of Detroit). His employment was listed as being with the Security Account Register Company, and on June 29, 1949, the National Bank of Detroit made inquiry of BLASKO concerning an FHA loan for \$655.88.

On November 13, 1950, Mr. W. C. BINGHAM, Assistant Cashier in the Installoan Department, National Bank of Detroit, made available the loan file maintained on IVAN BLASKO. This file reflects that the above-mentioned loan was for a furnace and hot water heater for BLASKO's home, that he was employed as a machine operator and assembler with the Security Account Register Company at \$250.00 a month. The file further indicated that BLASKO was born in 1886, his wife's name was given as ANTONIA, and his Social Security Number was shown as 364-12-8966. It also indicated that BLASKO was previously employed by the Hudson Motor Car Company in Detroit.

Employment records of the Security Account Register Company, No. 4725 Ellery Street, Detroit, contain no pertinent information regarding IVAN BLASKO. However, through ADAM SCHADE, an employee of the Security Account Register Company who resides at 8130 Meadow, Van Dyke, Michigan, and who is a neighbor of IVAN BLASKO, it was determined that IVAN BLASKO has a son, JOHN, who has been in New York City for approximately one year.

The employment record of IVAN BLASKO maintained by the Hudson Motor Company, Detroit, was made available by Mrs. MARY DEASON, Receptionist. This record reflects that IVAN BLASKO was employed there as a gun range pit cleaner from May 26, 1942, to June 23, 1943. His birthdate was listed as June 6, 1886, in Yugoslavia. It further indicated that he is a citizen of the United States, and his employment record with the Hudson Motor Company was satisfactory. His reason for resigning was to go into business for himself.

The files of the Detroit Office reflect the following information regarding IVAN BLASKO.

Informant Detroit T-1, of known reliability, stated on February 17, 1940, that I. BLASKO, Post Office Box 126, Base Line, Michigan (now called Van Dyke, Michigan) was a subscriber to Radnicki Glasnik (The Workers Voice), a Communist newspaper published weekly in the Croatian language in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On November 3, 1947, Informant Detroit T-2, of known reliability, stated that on October 26, 1947, IVAN BLASKO attended the

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regular monthly meeting of the American Croatian National Council of Michigan held at 236 Victor Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan. Informant Detroit T-3, of known reliability, advised that the American Croatian National Council of Michigan is a Communistically inclined Yugoslav language group. Informant Detroit T-2 further stated that at this meeting IVAN BLASKO was elected as a delegate to attend a special conference of the American Slav Congress to be held November 23, 1947, in Detroit. The American Slav Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as falling within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In the January 16, 1948 issue of Narodni Glasnik (a Communist newspaper published in the Croatian language in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) an article appeared reflecting that the Detroit Chapter of the Croatian National Council held a rally on December 28, 1947. At this rally IVAN BLASKO contributed \$5.00 to the Council's election campaign fund. In the June 2, 1948, issue of Narodni Glasnik an article appeared reflecting that on May 23, 1948, IVAN BLASKO contributed \$5.00 to Narodni Glasnik.

In April, 1949, Informant Detroit T-4, of known reliability, stated that IVAN BLASKO was considered a countryman by IVAN YANKOVICH (delegate to the Second National American Slav Congress held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 23 and 24, 1944) and a subscriber to the Daily Worker, 1948, and requested the Yugoslav Embassy to send material on current affairs on Yugoslavia to BLASKO.

On May 18, 1949, Informant Detroit T-5, of known reliability, stated that IVAN BLASKO was a subscriber to the Slavic American Magazine, published by the American Slav Congress.

Informants Detroit T-6, T-7 and T-8 stated on November 14, 1950, that they were not acquainted with IVAN BLASKO.

On November 17, 1950, Informant Detroit T-9, of known reliability, verified IVAN BLASKO's residence as 8124 Meadow, Van Dyke, Michigan, and advised that JOHN BLASKO, son of IVAN BLASKO, presently resides at 4305 - 66th Street, Woodside, Long Island, New York.

Informant Detroit T-11, of known reliability, advised in 1941 that MICHAEL VREVICH, also known as MIJO VREVIC, was born September 29, 1889, at Dubica, Yugoslavia, and emigrated to the United States from Bremen, Germany, April 10, 1907, arriving on the "SS Weimar." VREVICH filed Declaration of Intention to become a citizen on September 7, 1920, in the Wayne County

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Circuit Court and obtained Certificate No. 2578134 on October 24, 1927, in the U. S. District Court at Detroit, Michigan. VREVICH is married to BARBARA, born December 4, 1900, at Petrinja, Yugoslavia, and they have a daughter, MARY, born December 3, 1926, at Detroit, Michigan. VREVICH's witnesses at the time of naturalization were BOGDAN MASICH, 1355 East Hancock, and ALOIS SAMER of 13460 Fleming. VREVICH is described as 5' 10" tall, 200 pounds, blue eyes, gray hair, poor eyesight, wears glasses.

Records of the City Election Commission show that VREVICH had resided at various addresses, the last one being 541 East Bethune Avenue in April, 1941.

According to the informant, VREVICH was active in the Croatian Insurance and Fraternal Association which holds its meetings at Kirby Hall, 1343 East Kirby Avenue, which was described by the informant as being a well known Communist meeting place.

Confidential records of the Fisher Body Corporation reflected that VREVICH was "reported" as an active Communist and that he had been employed in Body Engineering Plant No. 27-10 of the Fisher Body Company and had worked in various plants since 1916 and was at Plant No. 27 from 1938 until 1941 and was employed at that place at that time.

Informant Detroit T-12, of known reliability, advised that in June, 1949, MICHAEL VREVICH stated that he had joined a new organization known as "Friends of New Yugoslavia". He stated that he was attempting to get dates for the film "Zivjet Ce Obaj Narod" and advised that the Zajednicar (official organ of the Croatian Fraternal Union) was helping to publicize the film and stated that it would help the medical-aid drive for children in Yugoslavia.

Informant Detroit T-7, of known reliability, stated that MICHAEL VREVICH is considered in Yugoslav circles in Detroit as being a braggard and does considerable drinking.

Informants Detroit T-6, T-7, and T-8 advised that they had no knowledge of any activity of the subject organization known as "Friends of New Yugoslavia" in the Detroit area, at the present time.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Informant Detroit T-7 made available a translation of an article which appeared in the March 2, 1951 issue of Hrvatski Svijet (liberal newspaper published in New York) which advised of a proclamation for Detroit and vicinity. A summary of the article is being set out as follows:

"Temporary committee mailed out a proclamation to all our societies and individuals of Yugoslav origin in Detroit and vicinity in which it invited all societies and lodges to elect delegates for the conference to be held on Sunday, March 4th at 2:30 p.m. in the Rubinich Hall, 236 Victor Ave., Highland Park.

"The purpose of this movement of the temporary committee is to, first elect a permanent committee, and second, to determine what action is to be taken to help our people in the old country, who have been hit with the unrecalled draught last summer.

"In the proclamation it says that this action of helping to the people must be conducted on the basis of absolute independence of any politics, paying attention only to the humanitarian purpose for which this conference have been called.

"At the conference the speaker will be brother V. Vukelic, the editor of "Zajednicar."

"After the conference the movies in color will be shown, said movies being taken last summer during the visit to Yugoslavia by Mr. and Mrs. John Drazic, and also by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dobiash. The movies taken by Drazichs are from Bribir, Croatian seashore, Croatian Zagorje and Zagreb. The Dobiashs were taken in Slovenia, parts of Croatia and Slavonia, and some in Opatija (Riviera, Adriatic seashore).

"The admission to the conference is free for everybody, while for the movies donations will be taken. The committee will serve homemade cakes, sandwiches and coffee."

Informant's comments are as follows:

"Attendance: Between 50 and 70 persons. Came late for the speech of said Mr. VUKELIC.

"Movies: Scenes from parts of the country as seen in the translation. In the pictures are mostly relatives of those who took them. No propaganda of any importance.

"Officers elected: BRANESLAV (WALTER) GREGORIC, President; OTTO DOBIYAS, Vice President; Mrs. DOBIYASH (wife of Vice President), Secretary; Mrs. GREGORIC (wife of the President), Assistant Secretary; JOSEPH ZELEDNJAK, Treasurer.

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"No collection, outside the donations for the movies, has been taken. It was decided to hold larger gathering or meeting in the future and invite some prominent American speaker. The name of Mr. (JAMES) SWINEHART, correspondent of Detroit News has been brought as a speaker at said contemplated meeting. However, it was decided to leave this matter to the officers to decide upon.

"Have noticed three so called Cominformists: ANTON NARIC, JOSEPH KRAINA and JOHN IMAC. No incidents."

MICHAEL VREVIC was in attendance at this meeting.

Background information on IVAN BLASKO was obtained by SA FRANK J. KNOTH and reported by him in a report dated November 28, 1950, at Detroit, Michigan, entitled "TANJUG (TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY NEW YUGOSLAVIA)" under the character Internal Security - YU.

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REFERENCES: Bulet to Detroit dated January 22, 1951.  
Report of SA CLIFFORD J. NELSON dated December 29, 1950,  
at Washington, D. C.  
Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT dated March 8, 1951,  
at New York.

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TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GOLDY GELDMAN has continued to contact ELLEN WILLIAMS ERVIN, a student of the University of Pennsylvania, who visited Yugoslavia as a part of a labor brigade last summer. No other activity of the FNY reported by informants.

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## DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

On January 10, 1951, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that GOLDY GELDMAN was attempting to arrange a meeting to be attended by ELLEN ERVIN and other students, who went to Yugoslavia during the past summer. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 20, 1951. The informant did not know if the meeting was held as scheduled.

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On January 19, 1951, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that DHAN PALA SAMARASEKERA had planned a Far East Dinner for the following day. MAX GELDMAN, GOLDY GELDMAN and CLYDE TURNER, all known to the informant as members of the Socialist Workers Party, were invited. In addition, the two girls who were in Yugoslavia during the past summer were also invited. The informant believed that these two girls were ELLEN WILLIAMS ERVIN and a friend of hers, possibly HELEN MORRIS of Berwyn, Pa., who attended Carlton College, Minnesota, with ELLEN ERVIN. Both of these girls visited Yugoslavia last summer as a part of a labor brigade.

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Other members of the Socialist Workers Party, HAROLD DIAMOND and ALMA DIAMOND, were invited to the dinner by GOLDY GELDMAN,

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on November 30, 1949 that DHANAPALA SAMARASEKHARA of 234 South 38th Street, was a subscriber to "Labor Action," a weekly newspaper of the Independent Socialist League.

On February 2, 1950, this same informant advised that DHANAPALA SAMARASEKHARA of the South Asia Regional, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., was on a mailing list of those receiving the monthly bulletin of the Philadelphia Branch of the Independent Socialist League.

The Independent Socialist League has been declared by the Attorney General to be one of the organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The following informants who are generally familiar with the activities of most of the Yugoslav organizations in the Philadelphia area, were contacted, but could furnish no information regarding any activity of the Friends of New Yugoslavia:

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, on  
February 21, 1951

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, on  
February 22, 1951

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, on  
February 23, 1951.

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LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will follow and report the activities of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in the Philadelphia area.

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SYNOPSIS:

Informants report no activity on part of Friends of New Yugoslavia Club in Chicago in recent weeks. "Novi List", its official organ, reportedly has contained no information in past several weeks concerning the affairs of the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia. No information received reflecting that there is a South Chicago Section of Friends of New Yugoslavia in existence. Informant reports that Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago is a committee within Friends of New Yugoslavia organized for purpose of making arrangements for the holding of a celebration in Chicago to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Yugoslavia, which celebration was held on 12/10/50. Speakers at this celebration included Yugoslav Ambassador VLADIMIR POPOVIC and Yugoslav Consul General of Chicago, VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Yugoslav-American National  
Committee of Chicago

"Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4, and 5, sets forth the aims and objectives of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia Club" of Chicago and states that this Club will popularize and spread "Novi List", which it considers its official organ.

Regarding "Novi List" it is to be noted that this is a bi-weekly newspaper published in New York City in the Croatian and Slovene Languages. This paper was described by Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, as a pro-TITO propaganda organ, which is being edited in accordance with the directives and policies of the official representatives of the TITO Government in this country. This Informant stated on December 8, 1949, that according to ANNA KRASNA, editor of the Slovenian Section of "Novi List", no information, report, or article could be published in this paper without the prior approval of some official of "Tanjug", official Yugoslav news agency in the United States, which agency is registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950, that the Yugoslav-American National Committee was a committee within the Friends of New Yugoslavia, which was organized for the purpose of making arrangements for a successful celebration in Chicago on December 10, 1950, in honor of the Seventh anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Yugoslavia.

"Novi List" issue of November 16, 1950, page 1, columns 6 and 7, contains an article captioned, "Yugoslavia Needs Urgent Help. Appeal of the Chicago Committee to all Yugoslavs Throughout the United States and Canada." This article was datelined at Chicago, Illinois, and reported that the Yugoslav-American

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National Committee in Chicago had at its meeting, held in October 1950, among other matters discussed on the agenda, considered the important question of help to the people in Yugoslavia. It was stated that individual and collective help was now necessary and the article stated "We, the Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago appeal to all of you in the United States and Canada to help our people in Yugoslavia all you can as they are suffering on account of drought." It was stated that the money or food should be sent directly to the Yugoslav Red Cross, which organization would distribute to those who needed it the most. The article also mentioned that "two of our organizations in Chicago (Slavonia Club and Adriatic Guard) have already sent considerable money to the Yugoslav Red Cross to help in this relief drive, which was publicly acknowledged by the Yugoslav press." This article was set forth over the following, "For the Yugoslav-American National Committee, President, MARTIN MARETIC; Vice-President, FRANK ALESH; Secretary, FRANK OSTRIC; Treasurer, MARTIN CUCIBASIC."

Regarding the Slavonia Club, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on February 15, 1949, that this is a local Chicago Croatian group organized principally for the purpose of paying small death benefit payments to its members and also for general social purposes. It meets at Kordovan's Hall, 18th and Racine, Chicago, Illinois, and its membership presently includes a number of Yugoslav Communists, both pro-TITO and pro-STALIN.

It is to be noted from the above-mentioned article of "Novi List" that it referred to the Slavonia Club as one of "our organizations in Chicago", indicating its pro-TITO character at that time.

Regarding the Adriatic Guard, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised on March 3, 1951, that this is a Yugoslav Club originally formed to house and educate orphans in the section of Yugoslavia bordering on the Adriatic Sea, and which organization is at the present time under the control and domination of its pro-TITO element, but Informant advised that there is a distinct possibility that the anti-Communist element within this Club will regain control.

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FRANK<sup>V</sup>ALESH

"Novi List" issue of October 12, 1949, page 2, columns 2, 3, and 4, contained an article reporting that on September 12, 1949, the Central Committee of the Chicago Branches of the Slovenian-American National Council and delegates from societies and clubs supporting this organization, had adopted a resolution condemning the stand which Soviet Russia is taking against New Yugoslavia. Among those referred to in this article as favoring this resolution was FRANK ALESH, described as a member of the Executive Board of the Slovenian-American National Council, and as Secretary of Branch No. 25, SANC's.

The Slovenian-American National Council is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

MARTIN<sup>V</sup>MARETIC

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on December 20, 1950, that he is personally acquainted with MARTIN MARETIC, President of Friends of New Yugoslavia, who resides at 1907 South Racine Avenue, third floor, Chicago, Illinois. MARETIC, to the knowledge of this Informant, has never been a Communist, but is currently pro-TITO in his political views and is currently active in pro-TITO activities.

FRANK<sup>V</sup>OSTRIC

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised on September 8, 1950, that FRANK OSTRIC, who is active at 18th and Racine Avenue in Chicago, has been active in local Yugoslav groups and has cooperated 100% with the Communist element. This Informant, however, does not believe that OSTRIC is actually a Communist.

MARTIN<sup>V</sup>CUCIBASIC

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on March 13, 1951, that MARTIN CUCIBASIC was a member of the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia and active with the pro-TITO element among Chicago Yugoslavs.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF  
FEDERATED NATIONAL REPUBLIC OF  
YUGOSLAVIA-December 10, 1950,  
Chicago, Illinois

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on January 17, 1951, that the Seventh Anniversary Celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia was held December 10, 1950, at the American Hall, 1438 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and was sponsored by the Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago.

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-2 advised on December 20, 1950, that this Committee is a committee within the Friends of New Yugoslavia, which was formed for the specific purpose of arranging this annual Yugoslav Celebration.

Confidential Informant T-6 further advised on January 17, 1951, that the Chairman of the Yugoslav-American National Committee, GEORGE GUGIC, made a short welcoming address at the Celebration, welcoming the Yugoslav Ambassador, VLADIMIR \*POPOVIC, and also the Yugoslav Consul General of Chicago, VLADIMIR M. \*VUKMIROVIC. 7  
GUGIC stated that any proceeds obtained as a result of this affair would be donated to their brothers and sisters in Yugoslavia.

MR. BELAN \*BUCA sang several Yugoslavian and American songs and one BORIS \*ZLATIC played several classical pieces on the violin. A short speech was made by MILAN \*MEDVESEK, described by Informant as one of the officials of "Prosveta", the official organ of the Slovene National Benefit Society, a fraternal society with headquarters in Chicago.

Consul General of Chicago, V. M. \*VUKMIROVIC, made a speech in which he appealed to the audience to give their mother country every possible aid.

According to the Informant, the last speaker was the Yugoslav Ambassador, VLADIMIR POPOVIC, who told the audience that he came 7  
from Washington, D. C. to congratulate the local committee for

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*Communication for Industry By Novelist  
George GUGICH (Chicago)*

arranging the Anniversary Celebration and he assured the audience that their old homeland was successfully struggling to improve economically, industrially, and agriculturally, but that the Yugoslav Government had been hindered by the drought which his country had experienced last summer. POPOVIC appealed to the audience for help for their brothers and sisters and urged them to be proud of their American citizenship and to be loyal to the United States of America. POPOVIC expressed the thanks of his country (Yugoslavia) to the President of the United States, and to all Americans for the help they were rendering to his country.

A resolution was adopted which was to be sent to President TRUMAN thanking him for extending aid to the Yugoslavian people.

"Novi List" issue of January 9, 1951, page 4, columns 1-4, contains an article by GEORGE GUGICH, entitled, "Celebration of Yugoslav Independence Day in Chicago." This article was a report on the celebration held in Chicago on December 10, 1950, the celebration of Yugoslav Independence Day. GUGICH reported that the program was opened by himself and that he had welcomed the audience to this celebration.

GUGICH stated that the Consul General of Yugoslavia, VUKMIROVIC, spoke concerning the life and events in the old country, describing the hardships of the Yugoslav people which they had experienced in fighting for their national independence. The article above reflected that telegrams were sent to Marshal TITO in which the Americans of Yugoslav descent congratulated the people of Yugoslavia on their heroic stand in building for themselves a better and happier future, and for establishing friendly relations between the United States of America and Yugoslavia.

A telegram of greeting was also sent to President TRUMAN for his humanitarian act in recommending aid to the Yugoslav people who are facing possible starvation.

GEORGE GUGICH

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised on December 12, 1950, that GEORGE GUGICH has long been active in

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Croatian Communist circles on the far South Side of Chicago, and recently was expelled from the Communist Party, at which time he became active with the pro-TITO faction. He made a trip to Yugoslavia approximately a year ago and upon his return became active in connection with pro-TITO activities. This Informant also reported that based on articles that have appeared in "Novi List" it appears that GUGICH heads up a South Side Section of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

SOUTH SIDE SECTION  
FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA

It is to be noted, as above stated, that T-7 on December 12, 1950, reported that it appeared that GUGICH heads up a South Side Section of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

T-7 was recontacted on March 8, 1951, and he advised that he had received no information from any source reflecting activity on the part of Friends of New Yugoslavia Club in recent months, and he likewise had received no additional information which would indicate that a South Side Branch of Friends of New Yugoslavia with GEORGE GUGICH as its head, was now in existence or was active.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised on March 13, 1951, that the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia has not engaged in any activities in Chicago during the past several weeks and he has observed no reference to this Club in the various issues of "Novi List."

It is to be noted that "Novi List" is the official organ of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

T-8 further reported that he had not received any indication that the Friends of New Yugoslavia had a South Chicago Branch or Club, and he stated that he believed GEORGE GUGICH was connected with the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia at this time.

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Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on March 12, 1951, that he knew of no activities in the past several weeks on the part of the Chicago Club of the Friends of New Yugoslavia. Informant stated that he had heard nothing concerning the establishment of a South Chicago Branch of the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on March 13, 1951, that the Club Friends of New Yugoslavia at Chicago has been inactive during the past couple of months and has engaged in no activity, to his knowledge. The Informant also stated that the newspaper, "Novi List", which usually carries information on the activities of the Friends of New Yugoslavia has contained no information in recent weeks concerning the affairs of this group.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised on March 13, 1951, that he knew of no activities in recent months on the part of the Chicago Club of the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised on March 13, 1951, that he knew of no recent activities on the part of the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will through Confidential Informants, issues of "Novi List" and other sources of information continue to follow and report the activities of the Chicago Club of instant organization.

Will follow the activities of this organization to ascertain whether or not other branches or sections are being formed or are in existence in the Chicago area. Particular effort should be made to determine if the South Chicago Section of this Club was formed and is now in existence.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization on a quarterly basis, submitting next report by July 1, 1951.

Will attempt to determine from what source and under what circumstances the Chicago Branch of the Friends of New Yugoslavia has obtained new Yugoslav films shown in Chicago April 15; May 13-27; September 21 and October 7, 1950.

END OF REPORT.

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One copy of this report has been designated for the San Francisco, Pittsburgh, and Washington Field Offices for information purposes inasmuch as official Yugoslav establishments are located in these Divisions.

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MADE AT DATE PERIOD MADE BY  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 4-6-51 3/8, 12-15/51 JEREMIAH J. HURLEY JJH:  
TITLE CHARACTER SR  
FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA INTERNAL SECURITY YU

SYNOPSIS:

Informants report no activity on part of Friends of New Yugoslavia Club in Chicago in recent weeks. "Novi List", its official organ, reportedly has contained no information in past several weeks concerning the affairs of the Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia. No information received reflecting that there is a South Chicago Section of Friends of New Yugoslavia in existence. Informant reports that Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago is a committee within Friends of New Yugoslavia organized for purpose of making arrangements for the holding of a celebration in Chicago to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Yugoslavia, which celebration was held on 12/10/50. Speakers at this celebration included Yugoslav Ambassador VLADIMIR POPOVIC and Yugoslav Consul General of Chicago, VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE  
 SUBJECT: <sup>(C)</sup> FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

DATE: April 5, 1951

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There is quoted herewith an article published in the "Pacific Tribune", Vancouver, B. C., Canada, February 23, 1951, headlined "Titoite Agents Plan Campaign With FBI Aid." It is noted that the article alleges that a paid FBI Agent has been appointed head of the New York Branch of the Friends of New Yugoslavia and that his appointment was approved by TITO.

## "WASHINGTON

"A vast propaganda and spy campaign among American citizens of Yugoslav origin - and American Slavs in general - is being prepared by the FBI and Titoite agents in the United States to combat the growing anti-Titoite feeling among American Yugoslavs which has become more marked in the recent period.

"The centre of this movement is to be the 'Friends of New Yugoslavia' organization with branches in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

"Recruiting of members of the Yugoslav colony in the U.S. is well under way and the 'Friends of New Yugoslavia' will officially engage in distributing literature and in the showing of films which glorify Titoite Yugoslavia.

"On the 'unofficial' side of the organization's activities some light has been shed by information received from sources close to the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington.

"The 'Friends of New Yugoslavia,' these sources reveal, has been set up under the direct guidance and in closest cooperation with the FBI with the aim of compiling information on Yugoslavs in America with progressive opinions.

"Explaining the FBI's 'friendly interest' in the organization, these sources say that the 'Friends of New Yugoslavia' will compile and deliver to the American counterintelligence service all available information on immigrants from the People's Democracies and on Americans of Slav origin.

"A paid FBI agent has been appointed head of the New York branch and his appointment approved by TITO himself.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : James M. McInerney  
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
Internal Security - YU  
Registration Act

DATE: April 13, 1951

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reference is made to your memorandum of March 27, 1951 regarding the above captioned subject. You requested to be advised as to whether any violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, are indicated in the attached reports and as to any further investigation desired.

Although the reports contained information indicating that the subject organization engaged in political propaganda favorable to the Tito regime in Yugoslavia, there is no evidence that it is acting pursuant to an agreement with that Government or is subsidized by that Government. In addition, the reports contain no evidence that the subject organization is collecting information for a foreign principal or is soliciting funds from or for a foreign principal. Furthermore, the activities of the subject do not, on the basis of the information in the reports, constitute a holding out within the meaning of Section 1(c)(3) of the Act, as the organization does not purport to be an agent of the Tito regime.

As the activities of the subject do not come within any of the definitions of an agent of a foreign principal in Sections 1(c)(1)-(5) of the Act, registration cannot be solicited on the basis of the facts now available.

The Bureau is requested, therefore, to conduct further investigation to determine whether the activities set out in the investigative reports are being sponsored by the Yugoslav Government or by any subdivision thereof and whether funds are being solicited for or from any foreign principal.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT *Ch*

FROM : C. E. HENNRICH *Ch*

SUBJECT: *7w* FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
IS - YU  
REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: April 11, 1951

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PURPOSE:

To identify subject organization, allegedly FBI sponsored, according to an article entitled "Titoite Agents Plan Campaign with FBI Aid", in the "Pacific Tribune" dated 2-23-51 at Vancouver, B. C., an organ of the Labor Progressive Party in Canada (West Coast) which is the Communist Party in Canada. *Henrich*

BACKGROUND:

Subject organization is currently under investigation by the Bureau and the following information has been developed to date:

It was founded 12-13-49 in NYC by a group of American Yugoslavs to propagandize in the U.S. for the Tito regime of Yugoslavia. It receives the full support of Yugoslav government officials here and they frequently appear as guest speakers at its functions. Its headquarters are in New York City where the total membership is said to be 280. There are branches in several other cities having large Yugoslav populations. Several of its officers including Nikola Telesmanic and members visited Yugoslavia in 1950 at the invitation and expense of that government. Nikola Telesmanic, according to latest reports, is chairman (leader) of the FNY in New York, and a director of "Novi List" (described below.) He is definitely not a "paid FBI agent," as alleged by the Pacific Tribune in the article referred to. [ ] has described Telesmanic as a confirmed Marxist who was one of the original stockholders in the Yugoslav-American Home in N.Y.C. which [ ] described as a gathering place for numerous Communist and Communist controlled organizations. *by*

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 FNY especially seeks support and subscriptions for "Novi List," a pro-Tito newspaper published in NYC in the Croatian and Slovene languages. [ ] It otherwise propagandizes for Tito by means of various ~~social~~ functions and exhibition of Yugoslav films. *16*

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Copies of all reports are furnished currently to the Department.

The pro-Cominform supporters among the Yugoslavs in the U.S. and elsewhere have, of course, been militant in their efforts to combat the influence of subject organization. The attached article is but another example of this and is typical of the attack in the C.P.U.S.A. press carried on against the Tito supporters.

The allegations that the Friends of New Yugoslavia is FBI sponsored and that it is headed by a paid FBI agent, approved by Tito, are, of course, untrue and obviously intended to smear both the Bureau and the F.N.Y., showing particularly that the F.N.Y. is connected with the "reactionary FBI."

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) No action is recommended except to advise New York of this information for inclusion in its next report.

*Ok N.Y.*

4-14-51: Bu. 100-370142-49 (Seattle letter 4551 of 4/14/51 advised of the same news article & action under above recommendation is no longer necessary).

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 105-945

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE APR 17 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/28; 4/3/51	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM A. COHENDET PJ
TITLE FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PETER SENGIA, President of the local chapter of the Friends of New Yugoslavia, ordered motion pictures from the Yugoslavia Information Center, New York City, which were exhibited in Oakland, California 4/16/50.

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## DETAILS:

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised PETER SENGIA, President of the Friends of New Yugoslavia of Oakland, California, ordered the films "Dalmatian Fishermen" and "Unconquered People" from the Yugoslavian Information Center in NYC through someone named LEVI. These were shown in Oakland under the auspices of the Friends of New Yugoslavia on April 16, 1950. T-1 said that the exhibition made no money for the benefit of the orphaned children of Yugoslavia as intended because the expenses consumed the profits. T-1 said that the films had been furnished free by the Information Center.

At the same affair, San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, advised that SENGIA made a speech urging the audience to subscribe to the Yugoslavian language newspaper "NOVI LIST." T-1 pointed out that the Friends of New Yugoslavia of Oakland were not joined with any national group bearing the same name and as a matter of fact the organization was not now even functioning under that name, it having been succeeded by the American Yugoslavian Relief Committee of Oakland. T-1 stated that the Yugoslavian Consul General in San Francisco, RAFO IVANCEVIC, had just a few days previously inquired of PETER SENGIA concerning the minutes and bi-laws of subject organization. SENGIA had to advise

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IVANCEVIC that the organization had no bi-laws or minutes and was only an informal group who occasionally got together to combat some activity by Bay Area Conformists. IVANCEVIC told SENGIA that he should have bi-laws and a more formal organization. T-1 expressed doubt that this would be done because there was no set policy or organization and bi-laws would be of no use in such a situation. Furthermore, for all practical purposes the organization was no longer in existence anyway.

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SOURCE SHEET

San Francisco T-1 is [ ] who furnished information  
to SA WILLIAM A. COHENDET on 4/3/51.

San Francisco T-2 is San Francisco Office [ ]  
[ ]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT dated 3/8/51  
at New York.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : Mr. Baumgardner *XB*

SUBJECT: *100B*  
~~Titoite Agents Plan Campaign~~  
~~with FBI Aid~~  
 Article in Pacific Tribune,  
 February 23, 1951.  
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DATE: April 9, 1951

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Gandy	_____

PURPOSE: Friends of New Yugoslavia

The purpose of this memorandum is to direct your attention to the above captioned article and to briefly delineate the substance of it.

DETAILS:

The aforementioned article states that "A vast propaganda and spy campaign among American citizens of Yugoslav origin and American Slavs in general - is being prepared by the FBI and Titoite agents in the United States to combat the growing anti-Titoite feeling among American Yugoslavs..."

The article further states that "A paid FBI Agent has been appointed head of the New York Branch and his appointment approved by Tito himself."

This article can be found on page 3 of the aforementioned publication which is attached to this memorandum.

The Pacific Tribune is an organ of the Labor Progressive Party in Canada (West Coast). The Labor Progressive Party is the Communist Party of Canada.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum, with the attachment, be referred to the Espionage Section for whatever consideration is deemed necessary.

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Director, FBI

FRIENTS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
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Re WFO reply to Buform 0-1 of 4-7-51 advising report being  
mimeographed. Not received to date. Advise when urep will arrive.  
Furnish date and agent's name if previously submitted.

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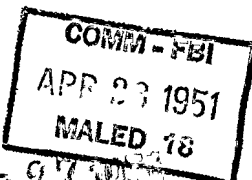
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Curran* TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 26, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Rebulet 4/23/51.

Report submitted in above-captioned case by SA CHARLES H.  
EIRING on 4/23/51.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/27/51

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
IS - YU  
(Bufile 100-370142)

Rerep SA WILLIAM A. COHENDET, San Francisco, dated 4/17/51.

In several places the name PETER SENGIA is shown. This last name should be spelled SENGIA.

Bureau and New York requested to note this correction. San Francisco copies changed accordingly.

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cc: New York (105-156)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 30, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU  
(Bureau file 100-365595)

Reference is made to the report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, dated 3/3/51, at New York.

It was noted that the list of officers of instant organization, as reflected on page 3 of the above-mentioned report, does not contain the name of the chairman, NIKOLA TELESIMANIC, and corrected pages are being submitted herewith for the Bureau and interested offices.

The Bureau and all offices receiving corrected pages are requested to insert the corrected pages in place of page 3 of the report.

Copies of the corrected page have been furnished the outside agencies having previously received copies of this report.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 105-1433

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE APR 23 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/4/51	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES H. EIRING, SA lbh
TITLE 0 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] obtained U.S. passport 3/29/50 to visit Yugoslavia in May, 1950. Informant advises [redacted] traveled to Yugoslavia on the Yugoslav Steamship Hrvatska and that travel expenses were borne by the Yugoslav Government. Informant knew that [redacted] is a pro-TITO Communist. No record Passport Division files regarding NIKOLA TELESMANIC. T-2 and T-3 have received no recent information regarding subject organization.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Records of the Passport Division, U.S. Department of State, reflected that [redacted] filed application for U.S. passport on January 27, 1950 under the name of [redacted]. The application reflected that he was born in Preko, Dalmacija, Yugoslavia on [redacted]. He came to the United States in October, 1941 and has resided in the U.S. from 1941 to date. His address at the time of application was shown to be [redacted] was naturalized before the U.S. District Court at Ft. Dix, New Jersey on October 13, 1945 and it was indicated that he had served in the U.S. Army during the World War. He is married to [redacted] listed his travel plans as follows: He desired to leave the port of New York in May, 1950 to visit Yugoslavia for an approximate period of five months. The purpose of his trip as shown on the application was

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to visit his sick mother. U. S. passport Number 228157 was issued to [ ] on March 29, 1950. A photograph of [ ] was obtained from the Passport Division files.

T-1, of known reliability, advised that [ ] is a known Communist organizer and a prominent member of the Communist Youth Organization, as well as an official of the pro-TITO newspaper "Novi List." This informant indicated that on May 25, 1950 [ ] left the U. S. for Yugoslavia on the Yugoslav Steamship Hrvatska and that expenses for his trip were borne by the Yugoslav Government. [ ], according to the informant, has been one of the most active agents of the Yugoslav official press in New York, New York. It was further indicated that he has been in close touch with Yugoslav delegates to the United Nations where he, at one time, was employed as waiter and janitor.

This informant further indicated that it has been the general opinion among members of the Yugoslav Communist Colony in New York, New York that [ ] has been a paid agent of TITO and of the Yugoslav Communist Party. This informant advised that a Communist meeting was held on November 28, 1949 at the Yugoslav House at 405 West 41st Street, New York, New York. He indicated that at the time [ ] entered the building one TOMA GUCA stated "Do not speak about our problems and about Yugoslavia when [ ] is present. [ ] is TITO's spy in New York, even when he was spying for us." It was also indicated by the informant that [ ] had been thrown out of the Yugoslav section of the American Communist Party, together with all of those who professed their sympathies with TITO and the Yugoslav Communist Party.

This same informant advised that before the election for administrative jobs at the Yugoslav House, [ ] under orders of Yugoslav Consulate General MIODRAG MARKOVIC in New York, visited homes of American citizens of Yugoslav extraction who owned shares of the aforementioned Yugoslav House and asked these individuals to vote for the persons on the pro-TITO list. It was indicated further that [ ] threatened them that if they did not vote for the individuals on this pro-TITO list their families in Yugoslavia would be persecuted and possibly even arrested.

The informant had received further information to the effect that while on his trip in Yugoslavia [ ] had been visiting an ideological political school. It was indicated that [ ] on returning to the U.S., was expected to receive an important position within the Yugoslav pro-TITO Communist Colony in New York City.

Records of the Passport Division, Department of State, contain no information regarding NIKOLA TELESMANIC.

T-2 and T-3, both of known reliability, have received no further information regarding the subject organization.

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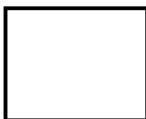
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Passport records of the U.S. Department of State  
which contained a memo dated December 1, 1950  
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REFERENCE: Report of SA CLIFFORD J. NELSON dated December 29, 1950 at  
Washington, D. C.  
Report of SA HEINRICH VAN ECKARDT dated March 8, 1951 at  
New York, New York.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: 6/14/51

FROM : SAC, New York.

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA, aka  
Club of American-Yugoslav Friendship,  
THUMBNAIL SKETCH,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU.

Reference SAC Letter No. 47, Series 1951, dated 5/12/51.

The following is a proposed thumbnail sketch concerning the  
captioned organization:

"Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on May 18, 1951, that the Friends of New Yugoslavia was founded subsequent to the Tito-Cominform split and that it maintains the relationship of close and direct cooperation with official representatives of the Yugoslav Government in this country. According to this informant, the Friends of New Yugoslavia attempted to enlist the support of the Yugoslav American for the regime of Marshal Tito and the Yugoslav Communist Party and acts as liaison between the Yugoslav Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party in this country."

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This Case Originated At NEW YORK File No. 100-21626  
Report Made At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Date 7/3/51 Period 5/18, 20, 22; 6/25, 26, 27/51 Report Made By JEREMIAH J. HURLEY JJH:lh  
Title FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Synopsis of Facts:

Informant advised that "Novi List", official organ of Friends of New Yugoslavia, in its issue of 3/22/51, reported that the Friends of New Yugoslavia club of Chicago would show the newest films from Yugoslavia at the Croatian National Sokol Home, Chicago, on 4/14/51, all proceeds to go to relief for suffering people of Yugoslavia. Informants reported that sixty to eighty people were in attendance at Friends of New Yugoslavia club of Chicago banquet held at Rupcich Hall, Chicago, on 5/20/41, at which VLADIMIR VUKMIROVIC, Consul General for Yugoslavia at Chicago, was a speaker, and proceeds of which were for relief of the people of Yugoslavia. Officers of ENY of Chicago reported in contact with Yugoslavian Government officials in Chicago, and in attendance at a luncheon held in Palmer House in Chicago on 5/13/51, in honor of Dr. ALES BEBLER, Yugoslavian representative to United Nations.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Showing of Yugoslav Motion Pictures

"Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, Page 2, Columns 3, 4 and 5, reports that the Friends of New Yugoslavia club of Chicago will popularize and spread "Novi List", which it considers its official organ.

Regarding "Novi List", it is to be noted that this is a biweekly newspaper published in New York City in the Croatian and Slovene languages. This paper is described by Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, as a pro-Tito propaganda organ, which is being edited in accordance with the directives and policies of the Tito Government in this country. This informant stated on December 8, 1949, that according to ANNA KRASNA, editor of the Slovenian Section of "Novi List", no information, report or article could be published in this paper without the prior approval of some official of "Tanjug", official Yugoslav news agency in the United States, which agency is registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on April 16, 1951, that the "Novi List" issue of March 22, 1951, Page 2, Column 6, contained an article captioned "Yugoslav Films Will Be Shown in Chicago, Illinois". This article reflected that the Chicago club of the FNY would show the newest film from Yugoslavia at the Croatian National Sokol Home at 1903 South Racine Avenue on Saturday, April 14, 1951. The article indicated that the net proceeds from the showing of this film would go to the relief for the people suffering from the drought in Yugoslavia. An invitation was extended to all the Yugoslav people in Chicago and vicinity, as well as members of various Yugoslav societies and fraternal clubs, in order that they might have the opportunity to see these pictures and at the same time aid one of the most humanitarian of causes. The article also reported that the FNY in Chicago, up to that time, had sent a great deal of help to the people in Yugoslavia, including

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\$200 worth of school supplies and \$110 worth of clothing, all of which had been sent to Zagreb (Yugoslavia) for the Red Cross. According to the article the film would be shown at eight in the evening, and the admission price would be fifty cents per person. This article was signed by FRANK LACKOVIC.

It is to be noted that the Communist Party is an organization declared subversive by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on October 10, 1945, that FRANK LACKOVIC, 1826 South Carpenter, Chicago, Illinois, was a registered member of the Croatian Branch, Lower West Section, Communist Party. This informant described LACKOVIC as a charter member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised on March 28, 1950, that FRANK LACKOVIC, whom he knows has long been active with the "Narodni Glasnik" newspaper, and other Yugoslavian Communist groups, was present at a meeting on February 24, 1950, in the Croatian National Sokol Home, 19th and Racine Avenues, Chicago, when the new pro-Tito club "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was formed. The informant stated that at this meeting LACKOVIC spoke and denounced the Stalin faction. According to this informant, LACKOVIC had previously supported the pro-Stalin faction. Informant also advised that it was rumored that LACKOVIC is lessening his support of either the pro-Stalin or pro-Tito factions. The informant related that some pressure in this connection may be being placed on him by his children, who object to his support of the political factions of either Stalin or Tito. According to the informant, it is also rumored that LACKOVIC'S wife, BARBARA, has also become less active in Yugoslavian affairs.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950, that LACKOVIC has long been associated with the "Narodni Glasnik", until recently, when he left the pro-Stalin faction and became active in the FNY, which he helped to organize and he is currently active in the pro-Tito faction.

It is to be noted that "Narodni Glasnik", according to Confidential Informant T-5, who furnished the information on December 12, 1950, is a Croatian weekly newspaper, published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which continues to follow the Communist Party line.

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Friends of New Yugoslavia Club  
of Chicago Banquet, May 20, 1951

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the "Novi List" issue of May 10, 1951, Page 4, Column 1, contained an announcement by the main committee of the FNY club of Chicago. This announcement stated that this club was sponsoring a banquet on May 20, 1951, in the large and modern Rupcich Hall on 106th Street and Indianapolis Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, which is located on U. S. Highways 12, 20 and 41. The article further reflected that the banquet would be held for the benefit of the Yugoslav homeland, where it was said people are suffering because of last year's drought. All friends of the Yugoslav nation were invited to come to this banquet in order, it was stated, that the greatest amount of help might be sent to Yugoslavia. The announcement stated, however, that there would be no collection at the banquet. The banquet was scheduled to start at seven in the evening, and the main speaker was to be the Consul General of Yugoslavia at Chicago, Illinois, Mr. VLADIMIR VUKMIROVIC.

Confidential Informant T-6, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish information regarding meetings held at Rupcich Hall, advised on May 18, 1951, that Mr. GEORGE GUGICH, Telephone Number Saginaw 1-7451, was the person who had made the reservation at Rupcich Hall for the banquet to be held on May 20, 1951, under the auspices of FNY club of Chicago.

The Chicago Telephone Directory for April, 1951, lists GEORGE GUGICH, 10642 South Ewing Avenue, Chicago, Telephone Number Saginaw 1-7451.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that GEORGE GUGICH, 10642 Ewing Street, Chicago, was a Communist Party member and belonged to the Tenth Ward Club of the Communist Party in 1944. The informant described GUGICH as a white male and a barber by trade.

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised on December 12, 1950, that GEORGE GUGICH has been associated with the FNY club of Chicago.

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T-8 also advised on December 12, 1950, that GEORGE GUGIC has long been active in Croatian Communist circles on the far South Side of Chicago, and recently was expelled from the Communist Party at which time he became active with the pro-Tito faction among the Yugoslavs. Informant reported, also, that GUGIC made a trip to Yugoslavia approximately a year previously and upon his return became very active in connection with pro-Tito activities.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised on May 22, 1951, that sixty-four people were in attendance at the FNY banquet held in Rupcich Hall on May 20, 1951. Informant also advised that approximately twenty-five per cent of those present were women and that nearly all those persons attending were over fifty years of age. T-6 stated also that he heard a few of the younger persons present, probably ten in number, talking about the banquet and from their comments he gathered they were very much bored with the entire affair. Informant stated that a speech was made by the Yugoslav Consul General of Chicago, and speeches were also made by GEORGE GUGIC and other members of the gathering. Informant stated that tickets to the banquet cost \$3.00 and that the charge made for the dinner by the management of Rupcich Hall was \$2.00, which would leave a profit of \$1.00 per person as the net proceeds for this affair. Informant stated that no collection was taken up at this meeting and he understood that the entire proceeds were to be sent to Yugoslavia for the underprivileged children of that country.

Confidential Informant T-9, of unknown reliability, but who holds a responsible position and is well informed regarding Yugoslav activities on the South Side of Chicago, advised on June 27, 1951, that he attended the FNY club of Chicago banquet, which was held on May 20, 1951, at Rupcich Hall, Chicago, Illinois. The informant estimated that between seventy and eighty people were in attendance at this affair, which he advised lasted from 7:00 P. M., to 11:00 P. M. The informant stated that the ticket to the banquet cost \$3.00 and that no collection was taken up at this affair. Informant added he had learned that about seventy or eighty dollars was netted as a result of giving the banquet. According to the informant, VLADIMIR VUKMIROVIC, the Yugoslav Consul General in Chicago, was the principal speaker and was accompanied to this affair by his three Vice-Consuls, NIKOLA KOZOL, JOSEPH MORAVEC and IVAN JOZIC.

NIKOLA KOZOL

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The informant added that these men did not address the gathering.

The informant stated that VLADIMIR VUKMIROVIC, in the first part of his talk, which the informant estimated lasted about twenty minutes, praised the FNY club of Chicago and its friends for the assistance which they had furnished to the needy people of Yugoslavia. In the second phase of his talk VUKMIROVIC reportedly expressed his regret that Yugoslavia had been misled into friendship with Russia in the first place and he told his listeners he was very happy to see the friendly and co-operative relationship which now exists between the United States and the Yugoslav Government. VUKMIROVIC added he wished this relationship would continue and grow. VUKMIROVIC, in his speech, praised the United States and the people of the United States for the generous assistance given to Yugoslavia and her drought-stricken people. Informant stated that GEORGE GUGIC was the chairman of the affair and introduced VUKMIROVIC and likewise called upon other persons present, all of whom spoke informally, indicating their pleasure at being present and the fact that they were happy to be of some help to the people of Yugoslavia. GUGIC also reportedly, during the course of the evening, expressed his pleasure at being able to help the drought-stricken people of Yugoslavia.

MILAN ~~BIGA~~, one of the members of the FNY club, who was present, was also called upon to say a few words and he allegedly urged those present to subscribe to and support the newspaper "Novi List".

The informant stated that VUKMIROVIC and his assistant consuls, remained at the banquet throughout the entire evening and mingled with the people on an informal basis.

Association of Officers of  
FNY Club of Chicago With  
United States Government Officials

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised on May 11, 1951, that he learned from IVAN JOZIC, Vice-Consul, Yugoslav Consulate at Chicago, that Dr. ALES BRELNER,

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described by the informant as the Yugoslav representative to the United Nations, was scheduled to arrive in Chicago on May 12, 1951, in the course of his Western trip and would make a talk at a luncheon to be held by the United Nations Association in Chicago. JOZIC told the informant that approximately fifty persons were expected to attend this luncheon, which was to be held on May 12, 1951, in the Woodrow Wilson Room of the United Nations Association, located at 116 South Michigan Boulevard, and that he, JOZIC, and other representatives of the Yugoslav Consulate, including Mr. VLADIMIR VUKMIROVIC, Yugoslav Consul General at Chicago, would be in attendance at this luncheon. The informant also learned from JOZIC that it was further arranged for a breakfast to be held on Sunday morning, May 13, 1951, at the Palmer House in Chicago, in honor of Dr. BEBLER, and that those individuals selected to attend would be a select group of Yugoslav individuals representing Croatian, Slovenian and Serbian organizations in the Chicago area. The informant learned that JOZIC and VUKMIROVIC attended to the details of arranging this breakfast and inviting the guests. Informant stated that the Yugoslav Consulate officials were only inviting the important people and that Mr. VUKMIROVIC, himself, stated in this connection that they were inviting only "those who are working for our things".

According to information furnished by Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, on June 2, 1951, the Yugoslav Consulate officials at Chicago, had prepared a list of persons who were under consideration to receive invitations to attend the breakfast at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, on May 13, 1951, in honor of Dr. ALES BEBLER. This list included the following:

MARTIN ~~MARETIC~~ (President of the Executive Board,  
FNY club, Chicago)  
MIRKO ~~KUHIEL~~ (Vice-President, Executive Board, FNY  
club, Chicago)  
ILIJA ~~TODOROVICH~~ (President of Auditing Committee  
of FNY club, Chicago)  
FRANK LACKOVIC (All members of the )  
GERTRUDE ~~RAJACIC~~ (Cultural Committee )  
MILAN BIGA (of FNY club, Chicago)  
GEORGE GUGIC (member of FNY club, Chicago)

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Confidential Informant T-10 advised on May 12, 1951, that MILAN MARICH and MARTIN MARETIC had accepted invitations from the Yugoslav Consulate officials to attend the Dr. BEBLER breakfast scheduled for May 13, 1951, but the informant learned that ILIJA TODOROVICH could not make it.

CHARACTERIZATION OF OFFICERS

MARTIN MARETIC

Confidential Informant T-5 advised on December 20, 1950, that he was personally acquainted with MARTIN MARETIC, president of the FNY club in Chicago, who resides at 1907 South Racine Avenue, third floor, Chicago, Illinois. MARETIC, to the knowledge of the informant, has never been a Communist, but is currently pro-Tito in his political views and is currently active in pro-Tito organizations.

MIRKO KUHEL

Confidential Informant T-8 advised on September 17, 1949, that the Slovene population in the United States is predominately Socialist and pro-Tito and is headed in the Chicago area by the prominent Slovene, MIRKO KUHEL. Informant further advised that KUHEL is a Communist sympathizer and formerly was secretary of the Slovenian-American National Council and that he dominates activities in the Slovene colonies in Chicago, and is active as well throughout the United States.

The Slovenian-American National Council is an organization designated Communist by the Attorney-General under Executive Order 9835.

MILAN MARICH

✓ Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised on January 24, 1949, that MARICH was formerly very active with the organization "American Association for the Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.", which is now defunct, described by the informant as a completely Communist dominated organization. According to the informant, MARICH is friendly with many of the leading Yugoslav Communists on the South Side of Chicago.

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The American Association for the Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc., is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney-General under Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised on September 8, 1950, that he is personally acquainted with MILAN MARICH, who is an official of the FNY club of Chicago, and stated that based on his, MARICH'S, former close association with known Communists, and his former continuous support of Communist objectives, he has the reputation of having been a Communist. Informant advised, however, that MARICH has now broken with the Stalin faction and is presently active on behalf of the pro-Tito faction.

ILIJA TODOROVICH

Confidential Informant T-5 advised on December 20, 1950, that he knows ILIJA TODOROVICH personally, stating that he resides at 1161 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois. The informant stated also that ILIJA TODOROVICH is a very strong pro-Tito supporter; however, informant had no information as to whether or not he was a Communist Party member.

MILAN BIGA

✓  
1172-13 Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised on May 22, 1945, that MILAN BIGA, 2615 Bosworth Avenue, is a registered member of the Communist Party, Wentworth Branch. The informant further described BIGA as a white male, employed as a baker.

Confidential Informant T-8 advised on December 12, 1950, that he is personally acquainted with MILAN BIGA, having known him for a number of years. According to the informant, BIGA was formerly associated with the "Slobodna Rec", described by the informant as a pro-Stalin Serbian newspaper, published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which follows the Communist line. The informant advised also that BIGA has long been a contact of the Yugoslav Consulate General's Office in Chicago, and that prior to his recent trip to Yugoslav, he was closely associated with representatives of the Yugoslav Consulate in Chicago. The informant stated, also, that BIGA has the reputation of being the leading Serbian Communist who broke with the Stalin faction

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and is currently active in behalf of the pro-Tito faction among the Chicago Yugoslavians.

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant T-14, of unknown reliability, but who is well informed regarding the activities of Yugoslav organizations in the Chicago area, advised on June 26, 1951, that GEORGE GUCIC heads a South Chicago Branch of the FNY club in Chicago, but informant could furnish no information concerning the other members of this particular branch of this club. Informant stated that FRANK LACKOVIC is the leader of the main FNY club in Chicago, which is located in the vicinity of 18th and Racine Avenue, Chicago. Informant advised that no other branches of this organization exist in the Chicago area. According to this informant, the 18th and Racine Avenue section of the FNY club, headed by FRANK LACKOVIC, has approximately fifteen members and the organization supports pro-Tito activities in the Chicago area, including the support of "Novi List" and any activities designed to aid or furnish relief for Yugoslavia. In the opinion of the informant, the organization is not very active and has not been able to attract many members.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised on May 18, 1951, that he could furnish no information concerning the recent activities of the FNY club in Chicago, except that this club held a banquet in Chicago on May 20, 1951.

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised on May 20, 1951, that other than the fact that the FNY club of Chicago had held a banquet in Chicago on May 20, 1951, he had no information concerning the activities of this organization.

Confidential Informant T-8 advised on June 26, 1951, that during the past several weeks he had learned of no activities on the part of the FNY club in Chicago, except the fact that this organization had held a banquet in Chicago, on May 20, 1951.

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T-14, is [redacted]  
[redacted] to SAs GAROLD R. FITZGERALD and ANDREW A. ARMSTRONG,  
on 6/26/51. (requested)

T-15, is [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois to the writer on 5/20/51. (requested)

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One copy of this report has been designated to San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Washington Field for information purposes, inasmuch as official Yugoslav establishments are located in these divisions.

LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, through confidential informants, issues of "Novi List", and other sources of information, continue to follow and report the activities of the Chicago club of instant organization.

Will follow the activities of this organization to ascertain whether or not other branches or sections are being formed, or are in existence in the Chicago area. Particular effort should be made to determine whether or not the South Side section of this club is active and the extent of membership for this section.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization on a quarterly basis, submitting next report by October 1, 1951.

Will, if possible, try to determine from what source and under what circumstances the Chicago branch of the FNY obtained new Yugoslav films shown in Chicago April 15, May 13-27, September 21, and October 7, 1950.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY, Chicago, Illinois,  
4/6/51.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-35448 tmd**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JUL 6 1951</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/7, 16; 6/11, 19, 22/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALBERT L. PIERCE</b>
TITLE <b>FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ELLEN WILLIAMS ERVIN, interviewed 6/19/51; reported no knowledge of activity of Friends of New Yugoslavia since GOLDY GELDMAN's first contact with her. Informants have no knowledge of F.N.Y. MARIJA BORIC, Luzerne, Pa. and MARKO SKOPLANEC, Fredericksburgh, Pa., selected by stockholders at Novi List, Inc., N.Y.C., for a sponsoring committee to spread good will towards the Tito regime.

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**DETAILS:**

ELLEN WILLIAMS ERVIN was interviewed on June 19, 1951, by the reporting Agent and SA ALLAN M. OPPEN. She stated that GOLDY GELDMAN first contacted her last Fall and exhibited an interest in her experiences in Yugoslavia. GOLDY GELDMAN explained that she had obtained ERVIN's name through the Friends of New Yugoslavia, a New York organization. ERVIN saw GOLDY and her husband, MAX GELDMAN, on a few other occasions, and it became obvious to her that they were members of the Socialist Workers Party. She gained the impression that they wanted her to say that Yugoslavia was not run by a dictator and that conditions there were becoming ideal. During these contacts, no further mention was made of the F.N.Y., but the GELDMANs did say they hoped to visit Yugoslavia some day in apparently the distant future.

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ERVIN had no other knowledge regarding the F. N. Y. ERVIN recalled that GOLDIE GELDMAN mentioned that she was trying to make contacts among people of Yugoslavia extraction by going through the phone book looking for Yugoslav names. ELLEN ERVIN believed this was not accomplished because of the similarities of such names with those from other Slavic countries.

HELEN MORRIS, of Berwyn, Pa., who visited Yugoslavia with ERVIN, was with her during most of the contacts with the GELDMANs; however, ERVIN did not believe she would have much, if any, additional information.

Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, but who has frequently visited Yugoslav Ships docking in Philadelphia, stated on May 16, 1951, that he had no knowledge of the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, but who has a social acquaintance with former King Peter of Yugoslavia, when contacted on May 7, 1951, advised that he had no knowledge of the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, stated on May 8, 1951, that a stockholders meeting of Novi List, Inc., was held on February 17, 1951, at New York City. Novi List, Inc. of New York City, was identified as the publisher of "Novi List," a Croatian language newspaper and "Glas Naroda," a Slovene language newspaper, both Pro-Tito papers. At this meeting a sponsoring committee was selected for the purpose of reaching a cross section of all Yugoslav Americans and thereby spreading information about good will toward the present regime of Marshal TITO in Yugoslavia. This committee included some persons who had not indicated their availability for the purpose, but few, if any, refusals were expected because only known sympathizers were being approached. The members of this committee chosen for Eastern Pennsylvania were:

MARIJA BORIC, Luzerne, Pa.  
MARKO SKOPLANEC, Fredericksburgh, Pa.

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THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE  
At Luzerne, Pa.

Will identify MARIJA BORIC, of Luzerne, Pa., and conduct sufficient inquiry concerning his sympathies and activities to determine if he or his associates are active in the Friends of New Yugoslavia.

At Fredericksburgh, Pa.

Will identify MARKO SKOPLANEC, of Fredericksburgh, Pa., and conduct inquiries similar to those at Luzerne, Pa., as set out above.

INFORMANTS

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[redacted] for Furness-Withy and  
Company, Ltd., Lafayette Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Miss  
[redacted] requested her name be kept confidential.

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T-2:

[redacted] residence,  
[redacted] Cynwyd, Pa. Temporary symbol  
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T-3:

[redacted] contacted by SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, as indicated  
in report of SA VON ECKARDT on "Novi List, Inc.; IS-YU,"  
at New York, dated June 5, 1951.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ALBERT L. PIERCE, at Philadelphia, dated  
April 3, 1951.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU  
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Re attached Bureau O-1 Form dated 7/14/51.

This is to advise the Bureau that the agent to whom this case is assigned has been engaged full time in conducting investigations in connection with the missing Communist Party functionaries and in the preparation of prosecutive summary reports on CP subjects.

Therefore, it has not been possible to prepare a report concerning captioned matter. A report will be submitted by 9/1/51.

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The agent to whom this case is assigned has been exclusively engaged in conducting investigations in connection with the eight CP fugitives, and in the preparation of prosecutive summary reports on CP functionaries to be prosecuted in the near future.

The submission of a report in captioned matter has, therefore, been delayed. Every effort will be made to submit a report not later than 9/15/51.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: 9/14/51

FROM : SAC, New York.

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA,  
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Re O-1 form 7/4/51.

The agent to whom this case is assigned has been exclusively employed in the preparation of prosecutive summary reports on CP functionaries and surveillances.

The submission of a report has, therefore, been delayed. However, every effort will be made to prepare a report for submission to the Bureau not later than 10/30/51.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/19/51

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

A report for this case is being delayed approximately three weeks because the agents to whom this case has been assigned have been conducting investigations believed to be more important.

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 Title Character of Case  
 FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

Synopsis of Facts:

"Novi List"'s President, in his report on the aims, activities and future plans for "Novi List" recommended among other things that every Friends of New Yugoslavia club hold picnics during the Summer months for the benefit of "Novi List." Chicago clubs of Friends of New Yugoslavia held a picnic in Chicago on July 22, 1951 and donated \$34 raised in this manner to "Novi List." Yugoslav motion picture films reportedly were shown at Friends of New Yugoslavia picnic on July 22, 1951, which picnic was attended by Yugoslavian Consulate representative IVAN JOZIC. Farewell dinner given on August 26, 1951 by Friends of New Yugoslavia clubs in Chicago for GEORGE GUGICH, President of South Chicago club of Friends of New Yugoslavia, who is moving to California. Known officers of South Chicago club of Friends of New Yugoslavia as of June, 1951 set forth.

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DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Support of "Novi List" by Friends of New Yugoslavia  
Clubs of Chicago

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on August 29, 1951 that "Novi List" issue of May 22, 1951, page 2, columns 1 and 2, contained an article by ALEXANDER JURICH, the President of the newspaper "Novi List." JURICH gave his report on the aims, activities and future plans for "Novi List" and made the following recommendations in order that the paper's campaign quota might be fulfilled:

1. At all meetings of Friends of New Yugoslavia clubs, lodges and other organizations, the subject of the "Novi List" newspaper campaign for subscribers should always be included on the agenda of every meeting and everyone should take part in the discussion on how to secure new subscribers and contributions.
2. Every club, lodge or other organization should hold picnics during the Summer months for the benefit of "Novi List."
3. Every subscriber, reader and friend of "Novi List" should get at least one new subscriber.

The article also reflected that "Novi List" would give prizes to those persons who obtained fifty, forty and thirty subscribers during the campaign.

Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability who has a broad knowledge of Yugoslavian activities in the Chicago area, on July 23, 1951 advised that the Friends of New Yugoslavia clubs of Chicago held a picnic in Chicago on Sunday July 22, 1951 and that money obtained over and above the expenses of the picnic was donated by the Friends of New Yugoslavia clubs to the newspaper "Novi List." The details concerning this picnic will be set out subsequently in this report.

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It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-1 advised on April 14, 1950 that the new pro-TITO club called "Friends of New Yugoslavia" was formed in Chicago in February, 1950 and has for its official organ the New Yugoslavian newspaper "Novi List" which the informant advised is pro-TITO in policy.

Regarding "Novi List" it is to be noted that this bi-weekly newspaper published in New York City in the Croatian and Slovenian languages was described by Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, on December 8, 1949 as a pro-TITO propaganda organ which is being edited in accordance with the direction and policy of the TITO government in this country. This informant advised also that according to ANNA KRASNA, Editor of the Slovenian section of the "Novi List", no information, report or article, could be published in this paper without the prior approval of "Tanjug," official Yugoslavian news agency in the United States, which agency is registered with the Foreign Agents Registration, Section of the Department of Justice.

Showing Yugoslav Motion Pictures

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on September 19, 1951 that the "Novi List" issue of August 28, 1951, page 3, columns 1 and 2, reflects that motion picture films concerning Yugoslavia were shown to the Friends of New Yugoslavia clubs of Chicago on July 22, 1951 during the holding of a picnic by this club on that date. These films were reportedly shown by MILAN BIGA.

The details of the holding of this picnic will be set forth later in this report.

Friends of New Yugoslavia Picnic, Chicago, Illinois  
July 22, 1951

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on August 29, 1951 that the "Novi List" issue of June 28, 1951, page 4, column 2, reflects that the Friends of New Yugoslavia clubs of South Chicago and Chicago's West Side both would give a joint picnic on Sunday, July 22, 1951 which would be held in the garden of FRANK FUHARICH at 85th Street and 84th Court in Oaklawn, Illinois. This article further reflected that reservations for the picnic could be made in advance by contacting GEORGE GUGICH, 10524 Ewing Avenue, described as the President of the South Chicago club of Friends of

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New Yugoslavia or M. ANDRIJASEVICH, 9656 Escanaba Avenue, described as secretary of the South Chicago club, Friends of New Yugoslavia. It was suggested that those from the West Side of Chicago should contact MILAN ~~MARICH~~, 1417 Cullerton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois described as secretary of the West Side club Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant T-1 on September 19, 1951 advised that "Novi List" issue of July 31, 1951, page 2, columns 3 and 4, reflected that the club Friends of New Yugoslavia had sent \$34 to the "Novi List" newspaper, which amount was forwarded as a contribution from this club and which amount represented the net proceeds from the family picnic held by this club on July 22, 1951. This article appeared over the name of M. ANDRIASEVICH.

T-1 also advised on September 19, 1951 that "Novi List" issue of August 28, 1951, page 3, columns 1 and 2, contained a report on the part of M. ANDRIASEVICH relative to the family picnic which had been arranged by the two clubs of the Friends of New Yugoslavia in Chicago. This report reflected that those persons present at the picnic were treated to a special attraction in that MILAN ~~BIGA~~ put on a showing of motion picture films concerning Yugoslavia, which films were shown in the basement hall of FRANK PUHARICH. The article reported also that several members of the Yugoslav Consulate Staff in Chicago were present at this picnic but the names of these representatives were not given. This article stated also that a surplus of \$34 which was derived from this picnic had been sent to the fund of "Novi List" by the decision of the two clubs of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on July 23, 1951 that he had attended the Friends of New Yugoslavia picnic held on Sunday, July 22, 1951 and he advised that the following persons were present: GEORGE GUGICH, FRANK LACKOVIC, MILAN MARICH, MILAN BIGA, IVAN ~~JOZIC~~, described as Vice Counselor of the Yugoslav Consulate General's office of Chicago, and Professor JOHN SVETINA.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on September 19, 1951 that Professor JOHN ~~A.~~ SVETINA is a prominent Yugoslavian Attorney in Chicago who is likewise employed as a Professor at Loyola

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University. According to the informant SVETINA is very active in religious circles and is of the Catholic faith and very definitely anti-Communist in his political views.

Informant advised that another Yugoslav Consulate official from the Chicago office was also present at this picnic but informant did not know the name of this individual.

Informant advised that the picnic was primarily social in nature and that the expenses were amply covered by the admission price and what little was left over after expenses were paid was donated to the newspaper "Novi List." Informant stated that at the picnic the Yugoslav Consulate representatives were plugging for all-out aid by individuals to Yugoslavia. According to the informant these Yugoslavian representatives were urging that contributions be made to aid Yugoslavia even though this might mean that persons of Yugoslavian extraction in this country might have to cut down on other contribution they were in the habit of making.

Farewell Dinner to GEORGE GUGICH, August 26, 1951

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised on August 28, 1951 that "Novi List" issue of August 21, 1951, page 3, columns 2 and 3, contained an announcement that the Friends of New Yugoslavia clubs of Chicago would sponsor a farewell dinner on Sunday, August 26, 1951 at MARION GUC's Hall, 3234 East 92nd Street, Chicago, Illinois. This dinner was to be a farewell party for GEORGE GUGICH who was moving to California.

T-1 advised on September 19, 1951 that "Novi List" issue of August 30, 1951, page 2, column 3, contained a report concerning the holding of the farewell dinner on August 26, 1951 in honor of GEORGE GUGICH.

The article reflected that among speakers at this farewell dinner was IVAN JOZIC, representing the Yugoslav Consulate office in Chicago. According to the article JOZIC spoke about the reasons which brought on the break between the U. S. S. R. and Yugoslavia and it was reported that he convinced the audience that only economic interests were the cause for the rift. The article indicated that JOZIC explained how the U. S. S. R. and Great Britain

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had made a pact during World War II to divide equally the exploitations of Yugoslavia's resources without consulting the people of Yugoslavia. JOZIC stated that when the people of Yugoslavia and their leaders learned about this pact they refused to recognize it. JOZIC also allegedly called attention to the lies which are being spread concerning Yugoslavia and her leaders and indicated that if people wanted to help the people in Yugoslavia the best way would be to work for friendly relations between Yugoslavia and the United States.

Toastmaster ANDRIJASEVICH reportedly spoke in praise of GEORGE GUGICH and the work done by him during the past thirty years among the Yugoslavian people. ANDRIJASEVICH reportedly stated that he had worked closely with GEORGE GUGICH during this time. According to the article GEORGE GUGICH likewise spoke and in his talk stated that he had always had the interest of his countrymen at heart and attempted to refute attacks made against him by certain correspondents of the "Narodni Glasnik" to the effect that he had been paid by the Yugoslavian Government for his trip to Yugoslavia which GUGICH denied stating that he had paid the \$800 for this trip out of his own pocket.

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised on May 25, 1949 that the "Narodni Glasnik" is a Communist dominated Croatian newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

#### South Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on September 19, 1951 that the "Novi List" issue of June 28, 1951, page 4, column 2, reflected that the following were the officers of the South Chicago club of Friends of New Yugoslavia:

President - GEORGE GUGICH, 10524 South Ewing Avenue, Chicago  
Secretary - M. ANDRIJASEVICH, 9656 South Escanaba Avenue, Chicago.

#### Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on September 14, 1951 that he had no information concerning the recent activities of subject organization.

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised on September 19, 1951 that he knew of no recent activities on the part of the Friends of New Yugoslavia club of Chicago other than that these clubs had held a family picnic in July, 1951 and a farewell dinner to GEORGE GUGICH in August, 1951.

Characterization of Officers and Members of Friends of  
New Yugoslavia

MILAN BIGA

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-1 advised April 14, 1950 that "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4 and 5, reflected that MILAN BIGA is a member of the Cultural Committee of the Friends of New Yugoslavia club.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised on May 22, 1945 that MILAN BIGA, 2615 Posworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois is a registered member of the Communist Party, Wentworth Branch. Informant described BIGA as a white male, employed as a baker.

On December 12, 1950 Confidential Informant T-1 who is personally acquainted with MILAN BIGA having known him for a number of years and who is well informed regarding individuals formerly associated with the Yugoslav Consulate in Chicago, advised that BIGA has long been a contact of the Yugoslav Consulate General's office at Chicago. Informant advised that BIGA, prior to his trip to Yugoslavia in 1949, was closely associated with representatives of the Yugoslav Consulate in Chicago. Informant also stated that BIGA has the reputation of being the leading Serbian-Communist in Chicago and is one of the Yugoslavians who broke with the Stalin faction and who is currently active in behalf of the pro-TITO section among Chicago Yugoslavians.

FRANK PUHARICH, was PUROVICH, "BECK"

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised on August 20, 1951 that FRANK PUHARICH, was. PUROVICH, "BECK," who was a member of the Argo Communist Party Club and who resided at 85th Street and 84th Court, Oaklawn, Illinois, was dissatisfied with some of the Communist Party aims in Yugoslavia.

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Informant stated that PUHARICH is a Yugoslavian who favors TITO and Yugoslavia and as a result of this was expelled from the Communist Party. Informant stated, however, that PUHARICH still maintains that he is a Stalinist and a good Communist.

~~M. ANDRIASLVICH, aka. ANDRIJASLVICH ANDRASEVIC,  
ANDR SEVICH, ANDRIJ SEVIC~~

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on August 30, 1950 that M. ANDRASEVIC of 9656 South Escanaba Avenue, Chicago has been in Communist Party groups in the South Chicago area for a number of years. Informant advised that ANDRASEVIC, based on his association and activities, was pro-Communist until the latter part of 1949. Informant stated that ANDRASEVIC was with the pro-STALIN section among Yugoslavians until the Cominform-TITO split which took place in 1949 after which ANDRASEVIC joined the pro-TITO group among Chicago Yugoslavians and he is still pro-TITO in his sympathies.

~~FRANK LACKOVIC~~

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-1 advised on April 14, 1950 that the "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4 and 5, reflects that FRANK LACKOVIC is a member of the Cultural Committee of the Friends of New Yugoslavia club.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised on October 10, 1945 that FRANK LACKOVIC, 1826 South Carpenter, Chicago, Illinois was a registered member of the Croatian Branch, Lower West Section, Communist Party. This informant described LACKOVIC as a charter member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950 that until recently FRANK LACKOVIC had over a long time been associated with the "Narodni Glasnik" described to the informant as a Croatian weekly newspaper published in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania which follows the Communist Party line. Informant added, however, that LACKOVIC had left the pro-STALIN faction and he is currently active in the pro-TITO faction and helped to organize the Friends of New Yugoslavia club of Chicago.

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MILAN MARICH

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-1 advised on April 14, 1950 that "Novi List" issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4 and 5, reflected that MILAN MARICH is secretary of the Friends of New Yugoslavia club, Chicago.

✓ Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised on January 24, 1949 that MILAN MARICH was formerly very active in the organization, "American Association for the Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Incorporated," which is now defunct, described by the informant as a completely Communist dominated organization. According to this informant, MARICH is friendly with many of the leading Yugoslavian Communists in the Southside of Chicago.

The American Association for the Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Incorporated is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-11 advised on September 8, 1950 that he is personally acquainted with MILAN MARICH who is an officer of the Friends of New Yugoslavia club and who lives at 1417 Cullerton Avenue, Chicago and informant stated that based on his, MARICH's, former close association with known Communists, and his former continuous support of the Communist objective, he has the reputation of being a Communist. Informant advised, however, that MARICH has now broken with the STALIN faction and is presently active in behalf of the pro-TITO faction.

GEORGE GUGICH, aka GUGIC

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on December 12, 1950 that GEORGE GUGICH has long been active in Croatian Communist circles on the far South side of Chicago and recently was expelled from the Communist Party at which time he became active with the pro-TITO faction. Informant reported that GUGICH made a trip to Yugoslavia in 1949 and upon his return became active in connection with pro-TITO activities.

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Administrative Data

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, through confidential informants, issues of "Novi List" and other sources of information, continue to follow and report the activities of instant organization.

Will attempt to develop additional information concerning the officers and membership of the South Chicago club of Friends of New Yugoslavia.

Will, if possible, try to determine from what source and under what circumstances the Chicago branch of Friends of New Yugoslavia obtained new Yugoslav films which were shown in Chicago on April 15, May 13 -27, September 21, and October 7, 1950.

Will report the results of mail cover placed on the residences of M. ANDRIJASEVICH, 9656 South Escanaba Avenue, Chicago, who is secretary of the South Chicago club of Friends of New Yugoslavia and also the mail cover on the residence of MILAN MARICH, 1417 Cullerton Avenue, Chicago who is secretary of the main club of Friends of New Yugoslavia sometimes referred to as the West side club.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization on a quarterly basis, submitting next report by January 1, 1952.

REFERENCE            Report of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY dated July 3, 1951  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/2/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/4-6,8,11,13,14,19/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HEINRICH VON ECKARDT</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED: CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP, aka Friends of New Yugoslavia</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(U) Subject organization changed its name from Friends of New Yugoslavia at the suggestion of Yugoslav Government officials in order to increase its effectiveness as a propaganda medium. Yugoslav diplomatic and Consular officials reported in attendance at the meeting of subject organization on 4/8/51 in New York City; speeches given at this and other meetings reflect full support of Marshal TITO'S domestic and foreign policies and informants report closest cooperation between subject organization and Yugoslav Government officials in this country.

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## DETAILS:

The title of this report has been marked changed to reflect the present name of subject organization as CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP.

(U) Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that a general membership meeting of subject organization was held on February 23, 1951 at the Yugoslav American Home, 405 West 41st Street, at which meeting, ALEXANDER JURIC, whom the informant described as

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a leading pro-Tito Communist, suggested that the name of the organization should be changed from Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia to Club of American Yugoslav Friendship. This proposition was unanimously adopted by the membership and the informant learned that similar clubs in existence in various parts of the country will follow the example of the New York organization. ~~(S)~~

(U) The informant further stated that JURIC in proposing this change acted upon the suggestion of Yugoslav Government officials and that it was felt in pro-Tito circles that the organization under the new name would "better be able to fulfill the tasks given it by the Yugoslav representatives". The informant stated that this task consisted chiefly in propagandizing the Tito Regime in this country and in combating the influence of the Cominform among Yugoslav immigrants. ~~(S)~~

#### OFFICERS

(U) The informant stated that NIKOLA ~~TELESMANIC~~ continues as President and NIKOLA ~~GRUBELIC~~ as Treasurer of the Club and that the following additional individuals were elected members of the administration at the aforementioned meeting:

DR. ANTON ~~SINTICH~~, First Vice Chairman,

MATE BALICH, Second Vice Chairman,

STANLEY ~~HRONCICH~~, Secretary,

SAM ~~VALCICH~~, Second Secretary,

THOMAS ~~BALDASAR~~, Accountant.

#### ANTON SINTICH

(U) ~~(S)~~ According to the information furnished on November 1, 1944 by Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, ANTON SINTICH of 23-13 21st Street, Astoria, New York,

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was elected Financial Secretary at the Third Annual Conference of the American Slav Congress held on June 4, 1944 at Bohemian Hall in New York City.

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(U) ANTON SINTICH was again elected Financial Secretary of the American Slav Congress at the Fourth Annual Conference of this organization held on November 11, 1945 at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City. This information was furnished by Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability. ~~SECRET~~

It is to be noted that the American Slav Congress was listed by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(U) ANTON SINTICH was listed as a delegate to the Second American Croation Congress held April 19 and 20, 1947 at the Masonic Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio. This information appears in a leaflet entitled, "Invitation to the Second American Croation Congress". A copy of this leaflet was furnished by Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability. ~~SECRET~~

The American Croation Congress was listed by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(U) Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that ANTON SINTICH attended a "Tribute to Yugoslavia" dinner held on February 7, 1945 at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City. This dinner was sponsored by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, an organization declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835. ~~SECRET~~

(U) Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, in December, 1948 furnished a booklet captioned, "The Yugoslav American Home". This booklet was published on December 19, 1948 by the officers of the Yugoslav American Home and lists Dr. ANTON SINTICH as a member of the original committee charged with the task of finding a suitable building for the establishment of a Yugoslav American Home.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Confidential Informants T-1 and T-6 have frequently advised that the Yugoslav American Home is one of the largest and most active centers of Yugoslav Communist activity in the New York area.

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ANTON SINTICH was interviewed in February, 1945 by SA RICHARD W. WHITE of the New York Office. In the course of the interview he stated that several years back he and other individuals born in the Istrian Peninsula had formed the United Istrian American Societies in New York City with the idea of uniting all Istrian organizations in the New York area into a committee for social and charitable purposes and also to present a united front for freedom of the Istrian Peninsula from Italian rule. SINTICH advised that sometime in 1941, the United Istrian American Societies gradually fell apart because several organizations represented dropped out alleging that a number of members were Communists. SINTICH stated that he was definitely opposed to Communism.

Regarding his own background, he advised that he was born in Istria which was then part of Austria-Hungary. He further advised that he arrived in this country as a youth and attended the College of the City of New York and Brooklyn Law School. At the time of interview he was employed at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York City. [According to Confidential Informant T-1, SINTICH is at the present time a legal counsel to the Yugoslav Consulate General in New York City.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

MATE BALICH

A booklet captioned "The Yugoslav American Home", previously mentioned in this report, on page 46, reflects a full page advertisement of the Matthew Balich Corporation, "established 1949; insulation engineers and contractors, 204 West 68th Street, New York City (U) ~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant T-1 advised that this firm is owned and operated by MATE BALICH.

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The aforementioned booklet also lists MATE BALICH as a shareholder in the Yugoslav American Home and reflects that BALICH was elected on July 17, 1947 as a member of the Board of Directors of the Yugoslav American Home and occupied the position of President of the House Committee. ~~SECRET~~

(U) On January 23, 1950, Confidential Informant T-1 reported concerning a stockholders meeting at the Yugoslav American Home on January 22, 1950. At this meeting two separate lists of candidates were presented for the election of a new administration of the Home. One list consisted of Cominform sympathizers; the other of members of the pro-Tito wing. The informant stated that the pro-Tito list was headed by MATE BALICH who in his speech criticized the outgoing pro-Cominform administration and urged those in attendance to vote for those who will serve the best interests of the Yugoslav American Home and of the New Yugoslavia. ~~(S)~~

(U) On October 20, 1949, Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that MATE BALICH, 928 Peace Street, Pelham Manor, New York, was to be invited to attend a banquet in honor of the Yugoslav delegation to the United Nations to be given in a New York hotel on November 4, 1949. ~~(S)~~

STANLEY HRONCICH

The records of the Identification Division of the Bureau reflect that STANLEY HRONCICH, also known as STANLEY LUIGI HRONCICH, FBI #2889979, was arrested on May 28, 1936 in Brooklyn, New York on the charge of perjury in securing naturalization.

The files of the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, reflect that HRONCICH was convicted and sentenced on July 15, 1936 to be imprisoned for one year and one day. The execution of his sentence was suspended and HRONCICH was placed on probation for three years ending July 31, 1939.

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According to the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City, HRONCICH was finally admitted to citizenship on July 17, 1945 in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York.

HRONCICH was interviewed on July 16, 1945 by SA ROBERT C. DAVIS in connection with an Application for Pardon to Restore Civil Rights. He stated at that time that he belonged to three Yugoslav organizations in New York City, namely the Yugoslav Singing Society Unity, the Yugoslabenski Sokol and the Queens Committee for the Liberation of Istria and Trieste.

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(U) ~~Confidential Informant T-1~~ has advised that the Singing Society Unity and the Queens Committee for the Liberation of Istria and Trieste were Communist infiltrated and controlled organizations.

✓ In the January 11, 1950 issue of "Novi List", a Croatian language pro-Tito publication appearing in New York City, STANLEY HRONCICH was listed as a candidate for election into the administration of the Yugoslav American Home. According to information furnished by (U) ~~T-1~~, HRONCICH'S candidacy was supported by the pro-Tito element in an unsuccessful effort to insert the pro-Cominform administration of the Yugoslav American Home and to replace the officers by pro-Tito individuals.

SAM BALCICH

Information furnished by the United States Coast Guard in 1942 reflects that SAM BALCICH, 426 West 48th Street, New York City, was born in Preko, Dalmatia, Yugoslavia and was then employed as a carpenter by the Meseck Towing Lines, Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey.

SAM BALCICH was listed as a shareholder of the Yugoslav American Home in the previously mentioned booklet entitled, "The Yugoslav American Home".

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THOMAS BALDASAR

(U) Confidential Informant T-6 advised in 1948 and again in May 1950 that TOMO (THOMAS) BALDASAR, 37-47 61st Street, Queens, New York, is the chauffeur of the Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations. The informant further advised that BALDASAR is the uncle of ZORKA BALDASAR and an employee of the Yugoslav Consulate in New York City. ~~(S)~~

(U) The Certificate of Incorporation of the Yugoslav American Home in New York City, a copy of which was made available by Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, reflects that THOMAS BALDASAR, 37-44 61st Street, Queens, New York, was one of three directors to hold office until the first annual meeting of stockholders. ~~(S)~~

(U) According to information furnished by Confidential Informant T-6, THOMAS BALDASAR on May 13, 1949 attended a dinner in honor of the Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations. This dinner was given at the Yugoslav American Home. ~~(S)~~

THOMAS BALDASAR was a candidate in the election of a new administration for the Yugoslav American Home in 1950. This information appeared in the January 11, 1950 issue of "Novi List".

(U) According to Confidential Informant T-1, BALDASAR'S candidacy was supported by the pro-Tito group in the Yugoslav American Home in an unsuccessful attempt to terminate the Cominform control of the Home. ~~(S)~~

(U) Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on July 1, 1949 that he had received a mimeographed letter soliciting the sale of stock in a newspaper "which will tell the truth concerning Yugoslavia". The informant stated that one of the signers of the letter was THOMAS BALDASAR whose position was indicated as "committee member". The informant stated that the purpose in organizing this newspaper was the support of TITO against the Cominform.

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ACTIVITIES

~~VLADO~~ ~~POPOVIC~~

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(U) ~~Yes~~ report dated April 21, 1951, Confidential Informant T-1 reported regarding a concert given on April 8, 1951 at the Yugoslav American Home under the sponsorship of subject organization. This affair was attended by the Yugoslav Ambassador ~~VLADO~~ POPOVIC and prominent members of the Yugoslav Consulate in New York City. The total attendance was approximately 320 people. Following the rendition of a number of songs by ZINKA KUNCILIC, a Yugoslav opera singer, NIKOLA TELESMANIC, Chairman of subject organization, gave a speech in which he stressed the significance of March 27th which is being celebrated in Yugoslavia as the day on which Marshal TITO officially assumed power. TELESMANIC further spoke briefly of the heroic struggle of the partisans against the Nazi Army of occupation emphasizing the part played by TITO and the Yugoslav Communist Party.

~~JOHN~~

~~BOSTJANCIC~~

Following a brief address by ~~JOHN~~ BOSTJANCIC, editor of "Novi List", LJUBA DRNDIC, Director of the official Yugoslav Information Center in New York City, delivered the main address. DRNDIC in his speech stated that the present adverse economic conditions in Yugoslavia are partly due to the recent drought and partly to the economic blockade imposed on Yugoslavia by Soviet Russia and its satellites. These difficulties he stated would be overcome by Marshal TITO and the Yugoslav Government.

DRNDIC severely criticized those Yugoslav Americans who had sided with the Cominform forces against the Tito Regime. He concluded his speech with an appeal to all present to work for an ever deepening friendship between Yugoslavia and this country.

(U) ~~Yes~~ Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject organization held a meeting on May 25, 1951 at the Yugoslav American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. (X)

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~~ANTON X T-1 DCS~~

This meeting was attended by approximately sixty persons whom the informant characterized as sympathizers of the Regime of Marshal TITO and the Yugoslav Communist Party. Captain ✓ ~~ANTON RADOS~~ was the main speaker and his speech was entirely devoted to an appeal to help increase the circulation of "Novi List".

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The informant had previously reported that ANTON RADOS of 200 West 15th Street, New York City, is a former Yugoslav sea captain and a naturalized American citizen. The informant stated that although RADOS, to his knowledge, was never a member of the Communist Party, USA, he did belong to the Yugoslav Seamen's Club in New York City which the informant described as a Communist controlled organization. Following the TITO-Cominform split RADOS sided with the pro-Tito element and was reported by the informant to have attended all major pro-Tito meetings and affairs held in New York City.

(U) At the aforementioned meeting of subject organization on May 25, 1951, as reported by Confidential Informant T-1, ~~ALEXANDER JURIC~~ gave a speech in which he requested and received unanimous approval of a resolution requesting President TRUMAN to effect the extradition to Yugoslavia of ANDRIJA ~~ARTUKOVIC~~ for prosecution as a war criminal. The informant pointed out that an official request for the extradition of ARTUKOVIC was recently presented by the Yugoslav Government to the State Department and is at present under consideration.

Regarding ALEXANDER JURIC, the informant has previously advised that this individual is the owner of the New Starlight Restaurant in New York City and an ardent pro-Tito Communist. He is active in the affairs of subject organization as well as of "Novi List", pro-Tito propaganda periodical published in New York City.

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FINANCES

(U) On April 7, 1951, the informant reported that NIKOLA GRUBELIC, Treasurer of subject organization, had advised him that this organization maintains no bank account inasmuch as it has no funds to speak of. GRUBELIC further told the informant that the organization has no offices nor does it issue publications or circulars and that announcements regarding membership meetings, etc. appear in "Novi List" to which a majority of the members subscribe. As a result the organization has no overhead expenses to meet. ~~(S)~~

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(U) The informant expressed the belief that the affairs of the club are conducted in a rather informal manner by NIKOLA TELESMANIC and NIKOLA GRUBELIC from their homes; he further stated that up to the present no membership dues have been collected and that the only expense incurred by the Club consists of rent payments to the Yugoslav American Home whenever a room is rented in this building for a specific social function or meeting. Any funds required for this purpose are raised by admission fees and voluntary contributions at the meeting itself. ~~(S)~~

YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT CONNECTIONS

(U) The informant stated on September 19, 1951 that there exists the closest cooperation between subject organization and the official representatives of the Yugoslav Government in this country as evidenced by the fact that representatives of the Yugoslav Consulate General or of the Yugoslav Embassy regularly attend all major functions as guests of honor or as guest speakers. The informant pointed out that these meetings invariably deal with some phase of Yugoslav domestic or foreign policies and that they serve as propaganda media for the Tito Regime. The informant further said that these meetings are undoubtedly planned and conducted in full accordance with the desires of the Yugoslav Government representatives. ~~(S)~~

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The informant stated that nothing had come to his attention recently indicating that subject organization at present maintains contacts with the Socialist Workers Party. He pointed out, however, that ALEXANDER JURIC has in the past acted as one of the principal liaison men between Yugoslav pro-Tito groups and the Socialist Workers Party.

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Informants

The identities of the Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, dated at New York, October 2, 1951, are as follows:

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T-1	[redacted] <del>(X)</del>
T-2	Anonymous
T-3	[redacted]
T-4	[redacted] of the Cleveland Office.
T-5	[redacted] [redacted] Hotel Biltmore, New York City, whose identity is being concealed at his own request.
T-6	[redacted]
T-7	[redacted]
T-8	Anonymous
T-9	[redacted] employed at the [redacted] who requested that her identity be kept confidential.

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Miscellaneous

One copy of instant report has been designated for the Chicago and Philadelphia Offices in view of the fact that these offices are currently conducting investigations concerning local branches of subject organization in their territories.

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At New York, New York

Will, through Confidential Informants and other sources of information, continue to follow and report the activities of instant organization.

Will attempt to determine the extent and nature of support and control exercised over the subject organization by the Yugoslav Government or its official representatives in this country.

Reference

Report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, New York,  
3/8/51.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/8/51

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - YU

A report in this case is being delayed approximately another month because of the pressure of the assignments requiring prior attention.

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CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP,  
FORMERLY KNOWN AS FRIENDS OF NEW YUGOSLAVIA  
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In accordance with the current instructions, your office was to have submitted a quarterly report in this case on October 1, 1951. You have since then advised that your report would be delayed because of pressure of other assignments.

Your letter of October 8, 1951, stated you would not be able to surap for approximately another month for the same reason.

In the absence of further justification for delay by your office, it is desired that a report in this matter be submitted so as to reach the Bureau by November 20, 1951.

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TITLE <b>CLUB OF AMERICAN YUGOSLAV FRIENDSHIP aka Friends of New Yugoslavia</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - YU REGISTRATION ACT</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

*1 cc by RS  
to Mr. Sullivan  
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Informants report no activity of Club of American Yugoslav Friendship or Friends of New Yugoslavia. Neither MARKO SKOPLANEC nor the organization is known in Fredericksburg, Lebanon County, Pa.

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All informants in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise indicated.

At Philadelphia, Pa.

During the period since the last report was written, there has been no activity reported for the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship or the Friends of New Yugoslavia in the eastern Pennsylvania area.

*0-1 to N.Y. + CHS (11-1-52) (T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, and T-5)*

At Lebanon County, Pa.

The following persons were contacted by Special Agent FELIX T. HOLT on October 12, 1951, but had no knowledge of and could furnish no information regarding the subject organization or MARKO

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ROY A. DECK, Postmaster, Fredericksburg, Pa.  
HELEN REEDY, Postal Clerk, Fredericksburg, Pa.  
JOHN LENKER, Lebanon County Detective, Pa.  
H. FRANK FERGUSON, Lebanon County Credit Exchange, Pa.

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The Rand-McNally Pocket Map and Guide shows two towns named Fredericksburg, one a town of about 1,500 in Lebanon County, and another without a post office, in Crawford County (mail received through Meadville, Pa.).

At Luzerne, Pa.

Special Agent FRED T. HOULIHAN conducted the following investigation on October 16, 1951:

None of the persons contacted at Luzerne had information regarding the subject organization or a ~~MARIJA BORIC~~ residing there. However, the following persons knew ~~MARY BORICH~~ as the wife of NICHOLAS BORICH, 538 Slocum Street, Swoyersville, Pa. (Swoyersville receives its mail at Luzerne, Pa.) -

Chief of Police UBAN, Swoyersville, Pa.  
Chief of Police JOHN ADAMS, Luzerne, Pa.  
LEO WILLIAMS, Superintendent of Post Office,  
Luzerne, Pa.

Confidential Informant T-6, of unknown reliability, but one who has been familiar with persons of Croatian extraction in the area, advised that MARIJA is the Croatian word for MARY, and that the letter "H" is frequently added or omitted from a Croatian name. T-6 knew ~~NICHOLAS BORICH~~ as an openly identified Communist leader in the 1930's. However, NICHOLAS BORICH was described as comparatively quiet and inactive as a Communist lately, although still a member of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

MVS Confidential Informant T-7 advised that he has known ~~NICHOLAS BORICH~~ since 1931, and stated that NICHOLAS is presently employed at the Harry E. colliery at Swoyersville as a miner or laborer and that his wife, MARY, about fifty or fifty-one years of age, is unemployed and has no children. T-7 stated that NICHOLAS was Secretary of Lodge No. 16 of the Croatian Fraternal Union, which has its headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., and that he was elected trustee of the CFU at a convention held in Hollywood, California September, 1951. MARY BORICH was stated to be Secretary of the Junior Lodge No. 152 of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

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According to T-7, a number of persons split from Croatian Lodge 16 at Luzerne because they felt that the leaders of the lodge were sympathetic to Communism. T-7 stated he had never heard of the Friends of New Yugoslavia or the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship, but that MARY BORICH prior to 1947 or 1948 had distributed a magazine published by the late LOUIS ADAMIC, which was a pro-TITO publication, at meetings of Lodge No. 16 of the Croatian Fraternal Union. T-7 stated that NICHOLAS BORICH was a close friend of LOUIS ADAMIC seven years ago. NICHOLAS BORICH admitted being a member of the International Workers Order about that time.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

M. BORICH of 538 Slocum Street, Luzerne, Pa. was listed as a subscriber to "Slobodna Rec", a Serbian Communist line newspaper, on October 1, 1945, according to a subscription list filed with the Pittsburgh Post Office on that date.

(T-8)

MARY BORICH was on the membership list of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge No. 16 in 1944 and, with her husband, was identified by the informant as a person believed to be a Communist in the lodge.

(T-9, of unknown reliability,  
2/25/44, to SE C. ETHERIDGE)

MARY BORICH, born 1906, was identified as a member of IWO Lodge No. 4003 at Hazleton, Pa.

(T-10, of unknown reliability,  
6/3/44)

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LEADS

THE NEW YORK OFFICE  
AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

Will consider the advisability of forwarding to the Pittsburgh Office a copy of the report of SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT, dated 6/5/51 at New York, entitled "NOVI LIST INCORPORATED; Internal Security - YU, Registration Act" (New York File 100-96436), and setting out a lead for Pittsburgh to determine if MARKO SKOPLANEK resides in the Fredericksburg, Crawford County, Pa. area, and if he and the other persons listed on page 6 of the above mentioned report are active in the Club of American Yugoslav Friendship, aka Friends of New Yugoslavia, in the Pittsburgh territory.

One copy of this report is being sent to Pittsburgh for information regarding the above suggested lead.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS -

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T-2

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T-3

Trash cover on residence of [REDACTED]  
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SYNOPSIS:

~~Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago, Illinois~~, reliably reported to be a committee within the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club of Chicago, sponsored the 8th anniversary celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia which was held in Chicago, Illinois on November 25, 1951. Principal speakers at this celebration were VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC, Yugoslav Consul General, and MILOS BUCAR, a Yugoslav Embassy Counselor and reported to be the Chief of the UDB in the United States.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

8th Anniversary Celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia, Chicago, Illinois, November 25, 1951

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T-1, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950 that a committee known as the Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago had been formed within the Friends

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of New Yugoslavia Club in Chicago for the purpose of arranging an annual Yugoslav celebration which is now directed toward the support of the pro-Tito Regime and in opposition to the existing pro-Stalin faction among the Yugoslavs.

According to this informant, Yugoslav anniversary celebrations had been held in Chicago, Illinois in previous years but the first of these celebrations held under the sponsorship of the Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago, Illinois was held in American Hall, 1438 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday December 10, 1950 and the celebration was entirely pro-Tito. In its make up, the principal speakers being ~~VLAĐIMIR POPOVIC~~, Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, and ~~VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC~~, Yugoslav Consul General at Chicago, Illinois.

T-2, of known reliability, advised on October 1, 1951 that the annual Yugoslav celebration commemorating the anniversary of the formation of the Yugoslav Republic would be held in November, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois. The informant further stated that this celebration is again being sponsored this year by the pro-Tito faction among the Yugoslavs in the name of a Committee called the Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago which he understood was a part of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club of Chicago.

T-3, of known reliability, advised on October 18, 1951 that the "Novi List" issue of September 18, 1951; Page 4, Column 6, contained an announcement by ~~M. MARICH~~, a member of the Publicity Committee of the Yugoslav-American Committee of Chicago. In this article it was announced to all organizations, clubs, and Friends of New Yugoslavia that arrangements had been made for a big celebration marking the 8th anniversary of the Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia. This celebration was scheduled to be held on November 25, 1951 in the American Hall, Chicago, Illinois, at 2:00 P.M.

This article also pointed out that this day should be a great public demonstration of power and purpose on the part of Yugoslav immigrants, especially in Chicago, and that consequently everyone should be present at the celebration. In this connection, all Yugoslav societies were kindly requested to refrain from holding any meetings or other affairs on that date.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF PARTICIPANTS

MILAN MARICH

With reference to MILAN ~~MARICH~~, who is identical with M. MARICH of the Publicity Committee of the Yugoslav-American National Committee according to T-2, it is to be noted that T-3 advised on April 14, 1950 that "Novi List," issue of March 15, 1950, page 2, columns 3, 4 and 5, reflected that MILAN MARICH is secretary of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club in Chicago.

✓ T-2 advised on January 24, 1949 that MILAN MARICH was formerly very active in the organization "American Association for ~~the~~ Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.," which is now defunct, described by the informant as a completely Communist dominated organization. According to this informant, MARICH is friendly with many of the leading Yugoslav-Communists on the south side of Chicago.

✓ The American Association for ~~the~~ Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc. is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

T-1 advised on September 8, 1950 that he is personally acquainted with MILAN MARICH who is an officer of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club and who lives at 1417 Cullerton Avenue, Chicago, and informant stated that based on his, MARICH's, former close association with known Communists and his former continuous support of the Communist objectives, he has the reputation of being a Communist. Informant advised, however, that MARICH has now broken with the Stalin faction and is presently active in behalf of the pro-Tito faction among Chicago Yugoslavs.

T-4, of known reliability, advised on November 27, 1951 that he attended the 8th annual celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia. According to informant, this celebration was held at American Hall, 1438 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 25, 1951, and was sponsored by the Yugoslav-American National Committee, Chicago, Illinois. The informant stated that the attendance at the celebration was between 300 and 400 persons.

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The program of the celebration started shortly after 3:30 P.M. and consisted of eleven numbers. The celebration was opened by a short welcoming address which was given by Mr. MILAN MEDVESEK in which he especially greeted the Consul General of Chicago, VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC, and also MILOS BUCAR, who was present in the capacity of the official representative of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Following the introductory remarks of Mr. MEDVESEK, the Jadran Tamburitza Orchestra played the Star Spangled Banner and the Yugoslav National hymn "O Slavs----!"

The next speaker was Mr. MARTIN MARETIC, President of the Yugoslav-American National Committee in Chicago. According to the informant, MARETIC gave a short speech in which he said that "the day of November 29 is again approaching us - the day of the people of the Federal National Republic of Yugoslavia." MARETIC stated that "this is a day of remembrance because the 29th day of November, 1943, was the day when the anti-Fascist National Liberation front at its second meeting laid the foundation for a new federated democratic Yugoslavia and it was on November 29, 1945 when the Constitutional Assembly declared Yugoslavia to be a Republic." MARETIC further stated that "the main reason that we are sponsoring this celebration is to show our solidarity with our brothers in the old country and also to help our brothers and sisters in every way we can to achieve a better life."

MARETIC also announced that they were donating the net proceeds from this celebration toward the assistance of their brothers in Yugoslavia, namely the needy children in that country. MARETIC then appealed to his fellow countrymen present to give the Committee a helping hand and to help their relatives individually by sending them CARE packages.

According to the informant, the next number on the program was to be songs by ~~DEMITRI BELAN (BOCA)~~ who, according to the informant, is a well known singer among American Yugoslavs. The chairman of the celebration, however, announced that Mr. BELAN (BOCA) was ill and could not appear on the program. In place of BELAN (BOCA), his pianist who was to accompany him, a Miss ELIZABETH BUCINIC, played several classical pieces on the piano.

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This was followed by a speech by Miss PATRICIA ~~MORTON~~ who was a Chicago official of the organization CARE. Informant ~~reported~~ that Miss MORTON spoke on the valuable work which the CARE organization is doing in Yugoslavia toward helping needy families who were suffering greatly due to the drought in Yugoslavia the previous year. Miss MORTON reportedly stated that CARE had received hundreds of letters of thanks from all parts of Yugoslavia in which the people had expressed their gratitude to the Americans of Yugoslav origin and to the American public in general as well as to the American Government itself for all the help which it is giving to Yugoslavia. Miss MORTON also appealed to all those present not to forget their kin in the old country and to send them as many CARE packages as they were able.

The informant reported that the next number on the program was acrobatic and ballet dancing by SHIRLEY ~~PAZUL~~. Following Miss PAZUL, the KOVICH sisters sang and played on the concertina several Yugoslav folk songs.

Following the ~~KOVICH~~ sisters, the Jadran Tamburitza Orchestra sang and played several numbers.

The next number on the program was songs by the Singing Society called "Preseren", which is a Slovenian singing club which sang several Slovenian and Croatian folk songs.

The next item on the program was a speech by VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC, Consul General for Yugoslavia at Chicago, Illinois, who, after his introduction by the chairman, was given a great round of applause. Mr. VUKMIROVIC first thanked the committee for affording him the opportunity to be present at the celebration which gave him a chance to meet so many of his countrymen. VUKMIROVIC told those persons present that by their presence at that affair, they showed their devotion to the country of their birth and childhood and that they further showed this devotion by helping their brothers, sisters and parents with CARE packages and in other ways. VUKMIROVIC thanked all present on behalf of his government and appealed to them to continue their aid to the heroic people of Yugoslavia whom he declared are doing everything possible to rebuild their country and enjoy a more happy and peaceful life which he indicated was their main objective. VUKMIROVIC concluded his short address by wishing all Americans of Yugoslav origin in Chicago and vicinity, the best of everything in their life and efforts.

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The concluding number on the program was an address by Mr. ~~MILOS~~ BUCAR, Yugoslav Embassy Counselor from Washington, D. C., who was introduced by the chairman MILAN MEDVESEK as a "real representative of the people of Yugoslavia, not in uniform and in gala dress, but in plain clothes just as we are dressed."

Informant reported that BUCAR first expressed his thanks to the committee for the invitation extended by the committee to the Yugoslav Ambassador to come to Chicago but BUCAR said it was impossible for the Ambassador to attend this glorious celebration. BUCAR conveyed to the audience, greetings from the Ambassador and the Yugoslav Government and expressed thanks for everything they were doing to help rebuild their mother country and for the help which was being given to the people in their present predicament due to the drought last year in Yugoslavia from which that country had suffered greatly. BUCAR indicated that the help of Americans of Yugoslav origin was a Godsend. BUCAR told his audience "to be loyal to your adopted country, the United States of America."

According to the informant, BUCAR spoke for approximately thirty minutes concerning the rebuilding of homes, factories, railroads, institutions, schools, and the economic life of the people of Yugoslavia. BUCAR emphasized the fact that the rebuilding of Yugoslavia was possible with the help of Yugoslav people abroad and the friendly nations in Western Europe and America.

BUCAR repudiated the "smear campaign against Yugoslavia and its friends from the Cominform countries," and he stated that "his country is building and preparing for war with the help of the United States and other western countries." He further stated "everyone knows that Yugoslavia wants peaceful development in its economic life and if she is strengthening her defense, it is done for peace and for war." He continued "countries dominated by Soviet Russia accuse Yugoslavia of preparations for war with the aid of the United States but that they are the ones who are preparing for war with their peace propaganda. Yugoslavia is not a satellite of the United States, as the enemies of Yugoslavia claim. On the contrary, the United States does not tell the Yugoslav Government what it can and should do."

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BUCAR asserted that "the United States of America is protecting its interests in Yugoslavia, as any other friendly country would and does do, but America is not interfering in the internal affairs of my country." BUCAR added that "the Yugoslav Government and its people are very grateful to the United States for their economic and financial aid." BUCAR concluded his address by stating that "Yugoslavia is concentrating all its efforts for peaceful rebuilding but will be ready to repulse all attacks from its neighbors with the help of friendly nations. America proved its real friendship by giving Yugoslavia all necessary aid, which was not forthcoming from those who wanted to dictate to my country the ways of peaceful developments in all phases of our life. This the heroic people of Yugoslavia could not accept. We believe that Yugoslavia and the United States will be real friendly countries. May God help both of them. Glorious honor to the Republic of Yugoslavia and the great wholehearted United States of America!"

Mr. BUCAR was given a lasting round of applause at the conclusion of his address.

MARTIN MARETIC

With reference to MARTIN MARETIC, who is president of the Yugoslav-American National Committee in Chicago, it is to be noted that T-1 advised on December 20, 1950 that he was personally acquainted with MARTIN MARETIC, president of the "Friends of New Yugoslavia Club," who resides at 1907 South Racine Avenue, 3rd Floor, Chicago, Illinois. MARTIN MARETIC, to the knowledge of this informant, has never been a Communist but is currently pro-Tito in his political views and is currently active in pro-Tito organizations.

MILAN MEDVESEK

With reference to MILAN MEDVESEK who was chairman of the 8th anniversary celebration, it is to be noted that T-5, of known reliability, advised on August 23, 1950 that MILAN MEDVESEK was formerly of Cleveland, Ohio and came to Chicago, Illinois about six years previous to that time at which time he took a job as assistant editor of "Prosveta," the official organ of the Slovene National Benefit Society which, according to the informant, is a large Slovene insurance fraternal organization with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

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The informant further reported that MEDVESEK is middle aged, having come to the United States about twenty-two years ago. Informant advised that MEDVESEK at first was a left-wing Socialist but during the recent world war, he turned and became a Communist sympathizer and a lover of anything Russian, and at the present time he is an adherent of TITO.

Informant reported that in the fall of 1949 MEDVESEK made a three-month trip to Yugoslavia as a delegate of the Slovenian-American National Council and as a guest of the Tito Regime, and upon his return, he wrote extensively in the daily "Prosveta" about his trip in which he praised TITO and those of his ilk. Informant also stated that MEDVESEK is one of the leaders of the Slovene sympathizers of TITO in America. The informant likewise advised that MEDVESEK was elected a vice president of the Slovenian - American National Council at its convention held at Cleveland, Ohio May 27 and 28, 1950.

It is to be noted that the Slovenian-American National Council is an organization declared Communist by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

#### MILOS BUCAR

With reference to MILOS BUCAR who was one of the principal speakers at the 8th anniversary celebration, it is to be noted that T-6, of known reliability, advised in the latter part of 1950 that MILOS BUCAR was a Yugoslav Embassy Counsel and Chief of the UDB at the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

T-7, of known reliability, who is in a position to learn some of the contacts of MATT ANDRIJASEVICH, who resides at 9656 South Escanaba Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and who is secretary of the south side club of the Friends of New Yugoslavia, advised that during recent weeks he had observed no pertinent contacts of ANDRIJASEVICH connected with the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club.

T-8, of known reliability, who is in a position to learn some of the contacts of MILAN MARICH, 1417 Cullerton Avenue, Chicago, who is secretary of the main Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia, sometimes referred to as the West Side Club, advised that during recent weeks he had observed no pertinent contacts of MARICH connected with Friends of New Yugoslavia Club.

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T-9, of known reliability, advised on November 29, 1951 that he had learned of no activity on the part of the Friends of New Yugoslavia Clubs of Chicago other than the fact that the 8th anniversary celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia was held in Chicago under its sponsorship during November, 1951.

MATT ANDRIJASEVICH

With reference to ~~MATT~~ ANDRIJASEVICH, who is secretary of the South Chicago Club of Friends of New Yugoslavia, it is to be noted that T-10, of known reliability, advised on August 30, 1950 that ANDRIJASEVICH has been in Communist Party groups in the South Chicago area for a number of years. Informant advised that ANDRIJASEVICH, based on his association and activities, was pro-Communist until the latter part of 1949. Informant stated that ANDRIJASEVICH was with the pro-Stalin faction among Yugoslavs until the Cominform-Tito split, which took place in 1949, after which ANDRIJASEVICH joined the pro-Tito group among Chicago Yugoslavs and he is still pro-Tito in his sympathies.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

- T-1 [ ] who furnished all of the information orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
- T-2 [ ] who furnished information orally to SA ANDREW A. ARMSTRONG, JR.
- T-3 [ ] who furnished information orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.
- T-4 [ ] who furnished information by written report on 11/27/51 to SA JOHN F. SWEENEY.
- T-5 [ ] who furnished information orally to SA JOHN J. DONALDSON.
- T-6 Washington Field Office informant [ ] which information was set forth in Washington Field Office report entitled "MILOS BUCAR, Internal Security - YU," dated 12/29/50.
- T-7 A 30 day mail cover placed on the residence of MATT ANDRIJA-SEVICH, 9656 South Escanaba Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
- T-8 A 30 day mail cover placed on the residence of MILAN MARICH, 1417 Cullerton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
- T-9 [ ] Chicago, Illinois, who furnished information to SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY (requested).
- T-10 Former [ ] who furnished information orally to SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.

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Will, through confidential informants, issues of "Novi List", and other sources of information, continue to follow and report the activities of instant organization.

\*Will, if possible, try to determine from what source and under what circumstances, the Chicago Branch of Friends of New Yugoslavia obtained New Yugoslav films which were shown in Chicago on April 15, May 13 and 27, September 21, and October 7, 1950.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject organization on a quarterly basis, submitting next report by April 1, 1952.

REFERENCES

Report of SA JEREMIAH J. HURLEY dated 9/29/51 at Chicago, Illinois.

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SYNOPSIS: Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago, Illinois, reliably reported to be a committee within the Friends of New Yugoslavia Club of Chicago, sponsored the 8th anniversary celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia which was held in Chicago, Illinois on November 25, 1951. Principal speakers at this celebration were VLADIMIR M. VUKMIROVIC, Yugoslav Consul General, and MILOS BUCAR, a Yugoslav Embassy Counselor and reported to be the Chief of the UDB in the United States.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

8th Anniversary Celebration of the Federated National Republic of Yugoslavia, Chicago, Illinois, November 25, 1951

T-1, of known reliability, advised on December 20, 1950 that a committee known as the Yugoslav-American National Committee of Chicago had been formed within the Friends

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